

ALICIA



ALICIA MAE NOT

ALWAYS AGREE
FOR SHE HAS FOUND HER WAY
AT THREE
TO STAND UP FOR HERSELF
THE SAME
AS ALICE AND MAE
HER PROPER NAMESAKES.
WHEN SHE OPENS HER EYES
A LOT OF HER TURNS A
BEAUTIFUL BLUE,
AND IT MELTS THE RESOLUTION
OF ANYONE WHOSE INTENTIONS
DIFFER FROM HERS.
HERS DO NOT MELT SO EASILY
SHE CONSULTS HER
SECRET ENCYCLOPEDIA
WITH QUEENLY DIGNITY
AND REIGNS DAINILY
BY DIVINE RIGHT UPON
HER HELPLESS
SUBJECTS
ONE OF WHOM IS HER GRANDPA.

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