

## Mathilda - Lady Pipette

**Video opener text:** The Matilda effect refers to the recurring denial or minimization of women scientists' contributions to research.

### Verse:

They revolutionize science, without their feats being praised,  
Their work bends dogma and laws in unseen ways.  
Erased by names that are carved into stone,  
Forgotten in history, where silence has grown.

Katalin Karikó believed in RNA,  
Her once-rejected idea now leads the modern day.  
Years in the shadows before the vaccine came through,  
A woman in science, with genius shining true.

Esther saw exchange at the heart of bacteria,  
A virus spreading genes—something quite bizarre.  
Her proof turned biology upside down,  
But glory to the man—he wore the crown.

Daisy saw scissors cutting DNA,  
Enzymes slicing genes with ease every day.  
Her discovery reshaped genetics entirely,  
But glory to the man—he got the glory.

We hesitate before acting, afraid of being judged,  
We master, then step back, just to be acknowledged.  
But why must we always do more just to exist,  
When our knowledge keeps being dismissed?

### Chorus:

Matilda effect, effect, Matilda effect.  
Forced silence is how they dominate,  
Matilda effect, effect, Matilda effect.  
Too brilliant and free—they just can't tolerate.  
Matilda effect, effect, Matilda effect.  
We are powerful, brilliant, proud, unstoppable,  
Matilda effect, effect, Matilda effect.

### Verse:

Let's raise our heads, move forward unapologetically,  
We step into the arena, ready to shake everything.  
Queens of science are here to reign,  
We take the throne of knowledge—who wants to challenge our claim?

Rosalind Franklin revealed the mystery of genes,  
Through X-rays, DNA could be seen.  
Her discovery changed the world forevermore,  
But others walked away with all the reward.

Alice Ball found a cure for leprosy,  
From a tropical oil, she made real therapy.  
Her discovery deserves the highest honor,  
But glory to the man—they named him the winner.

**Chorus:**

Matilda effect, effect, Matilda effect.  
Too brilliant and free—they just can't tolerate.  
Matilda effect, effect, Matilda effect.  
Matilda effect, effect, Matilda effect.

**Final:**

We no longer wait for our worth to be approved,  
Women in science— move forward without limits...