

Bend

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I am not my family tree
These are different leaves, you know
There are miles and miles between
My roots and what I'm tryin' to grow

I am not the slave they sold
Nor am I royalty
I've worn them both
The finest coat,
And rags that barely covered me

But there's mercy in the soil
Mercy in the sun
Learnin' to forgive
What cannot be undone
What was meant to harm
Can't harm you in the end
Stepped out on a limb I thought my break
But love said,
It will only bend

I am not my past mistakes
Labeled by some place in time
Nor am I a trophy case
Tryin' to maintain my shine

I have dreamed a thousand dreams
Watch a grain in famine grow
I am not my family tree
I have branches of my own

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Oh, Does fate resign us too?
Find shelter for our wounds
Beneath the battered roof of broken dreams
Oh, But I will choose to stand
In the shadow of Your hand
And see what grows when grace has sown the seed

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