

# I Was Not Meant To Live In The Shadows Of My Life – I Was Meant To Soar

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The bumpy road I have traveled,

Day in and day out,

Has brought me so much joy

And so much grief.

My mother armored me with persistence,

And dear old Pop, with taking it all easy.

My life knocked me over

And piled me in a heap.

But I did not lay there for long...

I picked it all up and just carried on.

I'm going to make it...it's the last time any of you drag me  
down.

I was not meant to live here in the shadows of my life.

I was meant to be free...free to be me.

I just didn't have the strength until now.

I was meant to soar up in the clouds...

Seeing the world from above,

Not below.

Tasting life and making me whole.

Oh dear God, I was meant to be free...

To soar in open spaces...

Amongst all the faces.

I hold my place now...

You cannot take it from me.

This is where I will live.

I walk this earth, head held high...

Shoulders back,

Cadence proud.

Hallelujah to this day!!

I'm Free...

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We will remember  
The “failures”  
The “losers”  
The “rejects”  
Who dared to be more.

Avellina Balestri

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