

Wonderful

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WIZARD

I never asked for this
Or planned it in advance
I was merely blown here
By the winds of chance
I never saw myself
As a Solomon or Socrates
I knew who I was:
One of your dime a dozen
Mediocrities Then suddenly I'm here
Respected - worshipped, even
Just because the folks in Oz
Needed someone to believe in
Does it surprise you
I got hooked, and all too soon?
What can I say?
I got carried away
And not just by balloon: Wonderful
They called me "Wonderful"
So I said "Wonderful" - if you insist
I will be "Wonderful"
And they said "Wonderful"
Believe me, it's hard to resist
'Cause it feels wonderful
They think I'm wonderful
Hey, look who's wonderful -
This corn-fed hick
Who said: "It might be keen
To build a town of green

And a wonderful road of yellow brick!" (spoken) See - I never had a family of my own. So, I
guess I just - wanted to give the citizens of Oz everything. ELPHABA (spoken) So you lied to them. WIZARD

(spoken) Elphaba, where I'm from, we believe all sorts of
things that aren't true. We call it - "history." (sung) A man's called a traitor - or liberator

A rich man's a thief - or philanthropist
Is one a crusader - or ruthless invader?

It's all in which label
Is able to persist
There are precious few at ease
With moral ambiguities

So we act as though they don't exist
They call me "Wonderful"

So I am wonderful

In fact - it's so much who I am

It's part of my name

And with my help, you can be the same

At long, long last receive your due

Long overdue

Elphaba - The most celebrated

Are the rehabilitated

There'll be such a - whoop-de-doo

A celebration throughout Oz

That's all to do - with you Wonderful

They'll call you wonderful:ELPHABA

It does sound wonderful:WIZARD

Trust me - it's funBOTH

When you are wonderful

It would be wonderful?

Wonderful, wonderfulWIZARD

One! Two! And:

(they dance)

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