

# Family Tree

## Jewel

Mama, I see your face now in the mirror  
It's getting clearer  
Daddy, all those things I said I wouldn't do  
I've been drawn to 'cause I looked up to you  
And I've loved you through this tangled legacy  
Tracing the twisted roots of our family tree

I stayed strong like you did  
I moved on like you did  
And I wound up tough as stone like you did  
If I don't learn to bend I know I'm going to break  
Like you did

Lover, I must forgive you  
I confused you with what I couldn't see inside of me  
Dark things pulling, not evolving  
It made a puppet out of me  
And you came with your own history  
Both caught in the branches of our family tree

I stayed strong like you did  
I moved on like you did  
And I wound up all alone like you did  
If I don't learn to bend, I know I'm gonna break just like you did

I love you but I need to look at who we've been  
Take the fruit but choose the seeds I scatter in the wind  
That's the job of the kid: to do better than our parents did

So I'll stay strong like you did  
And I'll move on like you did  
But I won't hide from the truth like you did  
I'm learning to bend so I won't break  
And you can bet I'll teach my child  
that love will always find a way just like you did

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