

## Dear Ella

Dee Dee Bridgewater

Dear Ella  
Our Special First Lady of Song  
You gave your best for so long  
This is true

Dear Ella we're all so glad  
You answered the call  
For it is certain that your music  
Will always stand tall  
Your blessing to all

Dear Ella  
The soul in your songs  
And heart we can feel  
Such feeling, emotion  
Such beauty of phrase  
Each time  
You brought joy to so many  
With sounds of the music sublime

You started so early and

Made it so fun  
With hard work and talent  
You became number one

With your bearing so regal  
Your voice strong and true  
You gave us a standard  
Met only by a few

Dear Ella  
We'll always remember  
Your love and good will  
We treasure the place  
In our hearts that you fill

We love you  
We thank you  
For all that you are  
Ella... in our hearts  
You are a true

Shining star...

Dear Ella.