

# The Way Life's Meant To Be

Electric Light Orchestra

Well, I came a long way to be here today  
And I left you so long on this avenue  
And here I stand in the strangest land  
Not knowing what to say or do  
As I gaze around at these strangers in town  
I guess the only stranger is me  
And I wonder (yes, I wonder)  
Yes, I wonder (oh, I wonder)  
Is this the way life's meant to be?

Although it's only a day since I was taken away  
And left standing here looking in wonder  
(it's your life, it's your life)  
Ah, the ground at my feet, maybe it's just the old street  
But everything that I know lies under  
(it's your life, it's your life)  
And when I see what they've done  
To this place that was home  
Shame is all that I feel  
Oh, and I wonder (oh, I wonder)  
Yes, I wonder (wonder, wonder, wonder, wonder)  
Is this the way life's meant to be?

Too late, too late to cry  
The people say  
Too late for you, too late for me  
You've come so far, now you know everything my friend  
Look and see the wonders of our world...

And I wonder (oh, I wonder)  
Yes, I wonder (yes, I wonder)  
Is this the way life's meant to be?

As I wander around this wreck of a town  
Where people never speak aloud  
With its ivory towers and its plastic flowers  
I wish I was back in 1981  
Just to see your face instead of this place  
Now I know what you mean to me  
And I wonder (oh, I wonder)  
Yes, I wonder (yes, I wonder)  
Is this the way life's meant to be?

And I wonder (oh, I wonder)  
Yes, I wonder, wonder, wonder, wonder  
Is this the way life's meant to be?  
Ooohh, I wonder  
Oh, I wonder, wonder, wonder  
Is this the way life's meant to be?  
Oh, is this the way life's meant to be?  
Mmmmm, is this the way life's meant to be?  
I wanna know now  
Is this the way life's meant to be?