

# Despite It All

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Ain't it strange  
I worked so hard to bring joy to my life  
But then there's days  
That something just don't feel right inside  
But see, I'm not complaining  
I will reach my aims  
I'm just contemplating  
See, I was told  
Anything I put my mind to I could do  
But they made it known  
Be careful what you wish for  
It might come true  
And now I'm far away from home  
Got my man and my baby boys on the phone  
Feeling so alone

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Despite it all  
Even through the Pitfalls I stand tall

When it rains it pours  
Cause there were times  
When there was nothing I could call my own  
And I couldn't ignore  
This Pillar-to-post-life just can't go on no more  
Had to knock down these doors  
And go for what I'm longin for  
There was more in Store  
They say blessed are those  
Who struggle just do maintain day to day  
And when you're feelin low  
And nothing seems it's going your way  
How could you know after these blows  
You reap what you sow  
The seeds will grow

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Suddenly there were changes  
I was my soul mate through the strangers  
It caught me unprepared when he was sent to me  
But I knew right then and there that we were meant to be  
And then taht moment changed to daily life  
I bore 2 sons and I became his wife  
Part of me is still an artist living out a dream  
Even though it's getting hard wouldn't want to leave  
Cause this is my reality, this is my reality

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