

***Wonder* Lyrics - Natalie Merchant**

Doctors have come from distant cities
Just to see me
Stand over my bed
Disbelieving what they're seeing

They say I must be one of the wonders
God's own creation
And as far as they can see they can offer
No explanation

Newspapers ask intimate questions
Want confessions
They reach into my head
To steal the glory of my story

They say I must be one of the wonders
God's own creation
And as far as they can see they can offer
No explanation

O, I believe
Fate smiled and destiny
Laughed as she came to my cradle
Know this child will be able
Laughed as my body she lifted
Know this child will be gifted
With love, with patience and with faith
She'll make her way

People see me
I'm a challenge to your balance
I'm over your heads
How I confound you and astound you
To know I must be one of the wonders
God's own creation
And as far as you can see you can offer me
No explanation

O, I believe
Fate smiled and destiny
Laughed as she came to my cradle
Know this child will be able
Laughed as she came to my mother
Know this child will not suffer
Laughed as my body she lifted
Know this child will be gifted
With love, with patience and with faith
She'll make her way

Natalie Merchant discussing and performing *Wonder*:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4TZ-v5BW-pQ>

COMMENTS ABOUT THE SONG

****"It is a song about a woman with a physical disability and a refreshing attitude: differences in her physical body are not handicaps or deformities, they are wonders, a term that implies magic, awe and beauty. The woman makes her way through life "gifted with love, with patience, and with faith."*

The song has become an anthem for many people with disabilities, but Merchant has insisted that, even though her inspiration for the song was a wonderful woman with a physical handicap, the song can be about anyone. For this reason, the video portrays women (of different ages, shapes and sizes) singing the lyrics. "

***Jamestown Wonder | Reviewer: [jamie Saullo](#) | 8/12/10. My daughter had spinal meningitis @ birth and almost passed away. She was hospitalized for 8 weeks. in critical condition. She and her brothers were raised on your songs. I sang them and played them often in our home. She saw you in concert in Chautauqua Inst. @ age 9 and it really meant a lot to her. Your song Wonder. Got us through the years of surgeries she had to endure. She is a survivor. And you music lives on in our hearts for the rest of our lives.

***my daughter | Reviewer: [lori jean](#) | 2/16/10

This song reminds me so much of my daughter because she was born hearing impaired and everyone thought that she wouldn't be able to make it on her own. She is doing better than anyone else I know. She is 19 and going to college to become an elementary school teacher. I could not be anymore proud of her. She is a true inspiration for every person with a disability out there.

***Thank you for your gift Natalie | Reviewer: [Cheryl Angenent](#) | 12/1/08

In aug/sept(?) 1989, Natalie Merchant came to my hospital bed, and sang me a song. She told me that with love patience and with faith, I would make my way. 19 years later, I have made my way, and it is because the words of wonder were programmed into my head, and Natalie's message kept me going. I have suffered, but fate and destiny are now mine. Thank You so much Natalie.~ Cheryl Angenent

Another live performance:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sm0Y-8tDjw0>

Music Video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6zpYFAzhAZY>