

# Defying Gravity

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*Wicked Lyrics*

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# 1 - Defying Gravity

(spoken) Elphaba - why couldn't you have stayed calm for once, instead of flying off the handle! (sung) I hope you're happy! I hope you're happy now I hope you're happy how you Hurt your cause forever I hope you think you're clever! ELPHABA I hope you're happy I hope you're happy, too I hope you're proud how you Would grovel in submission To feed your own ambition BOTH So though I can't imagine how I hope you're happy right now GLINDA (spoken) Elphie, listen to me. Just say you're sorry: (sung) You can still be with the Wizard What you've worked and waited for You can have all you ever wanted: ELPHABA (spoken) I know: (sung) But I don't want it - No - I can't want it Anymore: Something has changed within me Something is not the same I'm through with playing by the rules Of someone else's game Too late for second-guessing Too late to go back to sleep It's time to trust my instincts Close my eyes: and leap! It's time to try Defying gravity I think I'll try Defying gravity And you can't pull me down! GLINDA Can't I make you understand? You're having delusions of grandeur: ELPHABA I'm through accepting limits 'Cuz someone says they're so Some things I cannot change But till I try, I'll never know! Too long I've been afraid of Losing love I guess I've lost Well, if that's love It comes at much too high a cost! I'd sooner buy Defying gravity Kiss me goodbye I'm defying gravity And you can't pull me down: (spoken) Glinda - come with me. Think of what we could do: together. (sung) Unlimited Together we're unlimited Together we'll be the greatest team There's ever been Glinda - Dreams, the way we planned 'em GLINDA If we work in tandem: BOTH There's no fight we cannot win Just you and I Defying gravity With you and I Defying gravity ELPHABA They'll never bring us down! (spoken) Well? Are you coming? GLINDA I hope you're happy Now that you're choosing this ELPHABA (spoken) You too (sung) I hope it brings you bliss BOTH I really hope you get it And you don't live to regret it I hope you're happy in the end I hope you're happy, my friend: ELPHABA So if you care to find me Look to the western sky! As someone told me lately: "Ev'ryone deserves the chance to fly!" And if I'm flying solo At least I'm flying free To those who'd ground me Take a message back from me Tell them how I am Defying gravity I'm flying high Defying gravity And soon I'll match them in renown And nobody in all of Oz No Wizard that there is or was Is ever gonna bring me down! GLINDA I hope you're happy! CITIZENS OF OZ Look at her, she's wicked! Get her! ELPHABA :Bring me down! CITIZENS OF OZ No one mourns the wicked So we've got to bring her ELPHABA Ahhh! CITIZENS OF OZ Down!

## 2 - Popular

GALINDA (spoken) Elphie - now that we're friends, I've decided to make you my new project. ELPHABA (spoken) You really don't have to do that GALINDA (spoken) I know. That's what makes me so nice! (sung) Whenever I see someone Less fortunate than I (And let's face it - who isn't Less fortunate than I?) My tender heart Tends to start to bleed And when someone needs a makeover I simply have to take over I know I know exactly what they need And even in your case Tho' it's the toughest case I've yet to face Don't worry - I'm determined to succeed Follow my lead And yes, indeed You will be: Popular! You're gonna be popular! I'll teach you the proper ploys When you talk to boys Little ways to flirt and flounce I'll show you what shoes to wear How to fix your hair Everything that really counts To be popular I'll help you be popular! You'll hang with the right cohorts You'll be good at sports Know the slang you've got to know So let's start 'Cause you've got an awfully long way to go: Don't be offended by my frank analysis Think of it as personality dialysis Now that I've chosen to be come a pal, a Sister and adviser There's nobody wiser Not when it comes to popular - I know about popular And with an assist from me To be who you'll be Instead of dreary who-you-were: are: There's nothing that can stop you From becoming popu- Ler: lar: La la la la We're gonna make You popular When I see depressing creatures With unprepossessing features I remind them on their own behalf To think of Celebrated heads of state or Specially great communicators Did they have brains or knowledge? Don't make me laugh! They were popular! Please - It's all about popular! It's not about aptitude It's the way you're viewed So it's very shrewd to be Very very popular Like me! (spoken) Why, Miss Elphaba, look at you. You're beautiful. ELPHABA(spoken) I - I have to go: GALINDA (spoken) You're welcome! (sung) And though you protest Your disinterest I know clandestinely You're gonna grin and bear it Your new found popularity La la la la You'll be popular - Just not as quite as popular As me!

### 3 - No good deed

ELPHABA

(spoken) Fiyero!

(sung) Eleka nahmen nahmen

Ah tum ah tum eleka nahmen

Eleka nahmen nahmen

Ah tum ah tum eleka nahmen

Let his flesh not be torn

Let his blood leave no stain

Though they beat him

Let him feel no pain

Let his bones never break

And however they try

To destroy him

Let him never die:

Let him never die:

Eleka nahmen nahmen

Ah tum ah tum eleka nahmen

Eleka nahmen nahmen

Ah tum ah tum eleka: eleka:

What good is this chanting?

I don't even know what I'm reading!

I don't even know which trick I ought to try

Fiyero, where are you?

Already dead, or bleeding?

One more disaster I can add to my

Generous supply?

Unlimited

The damage is unlimited

To everyone I've tried to help

Or tried to love

And, oh, Fiyero, you're the latest

Victim of my greatest achievement

In a long career of distress

Every time I could, I tried making good

And what I made was a mess!

No good deed goes unpunished

No act of charity goes unresented

No good deed goes unpunished  
That's my new creed  
My road of good intentions  
Led where such roads always lead  
No good deed  
Goes unpunished!

Nessa:  
Doctor Dillamond:  
Fiyero:  
Fiyero!!

One question haunts and hurts  
Too much, too much to mention:  
Was I really seeking good  
Or just seeking attention?  
Is that all good deeds are  
When looked at with an ice-cold eye?  
If that's all good deeds are  
Maybe that's the reason why

No good deed goes unpunished  
All helpful urges should be circumvented  
No good deed goes unpunished  
Sure, I meant well -  
Well, look at what well-meant did:  
All right, enough - so be it  
So be it, then:  
Let all Oz be agreed  
I'm wicked through and through  
Since I can not succeed  
Fiyero, saving you  
I promise no good deed  
Will I attempt to do again  
Ever again  
No good deed  
Will I do again!

## 4 - MY FAVORITE: For good

ELPHABA

I'm limited:

Just look at me - I'm limited

And just look at you -

You can do all I couldn't do, Glinda

So now it's up to you

(spoken) For both of us

(sung) Now it's up to you:

GLINDA

I've heard it said

That people come into our lives for a reason

Bringing something we must learn

And we are led

To those who help us most to grow

If we let them

And we help them in return

Well, I don't know if I believe that's true

But I know I'm who I am today

Because I knew you:

Like a comet pulled from orbit

As it passes a sun

Like a stream that meets a boulder

Halfway through the wood

Who can say if I've been changed for the better?

But because I knew you

I have been changed for good

ELPHABA

It well may be

That we will never meet again

In this lifetime

So let me say before we part

So much of me

Is made of what I learned from you

You'll be with me

Like a handprint on my heart

And now whatever way our stories end

I know you have re-written mine

By being my friend:

Like a ship blown from its mooring

By a wind off the sea  
Like a seed dropped by a skybird  
In a distant wood  
Who can say if I've been changed for the better?  
But because I knew you:

GLINDA  
Because I knew you:

BOTH I have been changed for good

ELPHABA  
And just to clear the air  
I ask forgiveness  
For the things I've done you blame me for

GLINDA  
But then, I guess we know  
There's blame to share

BOTH  
And none of it seems to matter anymore

GLINDA ELPHABA  
Like a comet pulled Like a ship blown  
From orbit as it Off it's mooring  
Passes a sun, like By a wind off the  
A stream that meets Sea, like a seed  
A boulder, half-way Dropped by a  
Through the wood Bird in the wood

BOTH  
Who can say if I've been changed for the better?  
I do believe I have been changed for the better?

GLINDA  
And because I knew you:

ELPHABA  
Because I knew you:

BOTH  
Because I knew you:  
I have been changed for good.