

Strong Willed Girl
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Strong willed girl, go towards your dreams
Pry open the oyster, bust through the “seems”
Shatter the ceiling, break down the wall
Follow your heart, listen for the Call.

Go without mercy, go without grace
When they try to stop you, bite your thumb at their face.

Claw and climb, dig in deep
Never look back, never cease
Keep it moving, you’re almost there
Strong willed girls have a cross to bear.

There’s one last stretch, one final mile
One more grit before the smile
One more push, one more pull
Your trophy’s won, your bucket’s full.

And all your girls, far and wide
celebrate your winning stride
We lift you up, we raise the roof
Equality is winning; you are the proof.