

## India Arie "I Choose"

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Because you never know where life is gonna take you  
And you can't change where you've been  
But today, I have the opportunity to choose

Here I am now looking at 30 and I got so much to say  
Gotta get this off of my chest, I gotta let it go today  
I was always too concerned about what everybody  
would think  
But I can't live for everybody; I gotta live my life for me,  
yeah

I've reached a fork in the road of my life where  
Ain't nothing gonna happen unless I decide

And I choose to be the best that I can be  
I choose to be authentic in everything  
I do, my past don't dictate who I am  
I choose, yeah

I done been through some painful things  
I thought I would never make it through  
Filled up with shame from the top of my head to the  
soles of my shoes  
I've put myself in so many chaotic circumstances  
By the Grace of God I've been given so many second  
chances

But today I decided to let it all go  
I'm dropping these bags, I'm making room for my joy

And I choose to be the best that I can be  
I choose to be authentic in everything  
I do, my past don't dictate who I am  
I choose

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Release the guilt about why things happen the way they  
do  
'Cause life is gonna do what it do

And everyday I have the opportunity to choose

From this day forward, I'm going to be exactly who I am  
I don't need to change the way that I live just to get a  
man, no  
I even had a talk with my mama and I told her today I'm  
grown  
This day forward every decision that I make will be my  
own

And I choose to be the best that I can be  
I choose to be courageous in everything  
I do, my past don't dictate who I am  
I choose, yeah

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I choose to be authentic in everything  
I do, my past don't dictate who I am  
I choose

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