

## **Carolyn Arends**

# **"Even The Wallflowers"**

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From the moment you arrived here I've been utterly  
amazed  
Astonished at your level of perfection  
So it breaks my heart in pieces to imagine all the ways  
You'll get hurt in spite of my protection  
'Cause someday I'll have to send you like a soldier off  
to school  
And the lesson you will learn there is that kids can be  
so cruel  
So however well they like you and whatever grade you  
get  
Promise me, baby, that you won't forget  
Even the wallflowers do survive -- they can thrive  
Even in the shadows  
And there is a power in finding out for yourself  
Rain or shine, whichever way it goes  
Even the wallflowers grow  
I hope they choose you early when the captains pick  
their teams  
And I pray that they invite you to their dances  
I hope it doesn't hurt too much the times you skin your  
knees  
And that your heart endures it's first romances  
I cannot imagine anyone not loving you  
But everybody feels alone at least a time or two  
And I wish that I could spare you any heartache down  
the road  
But maybe then, baby, you never would know  
Even the wallflowers do survive -- they can thrive  
Even in the shadows  
And there is a power in finding out for yourself  
Rain or shine, whichever way it goes  
Even the wallflowers  
Grow in soil that's watered by  
Every single tear they cry  
Believe me, baby, you will live  
And someday you will tell your kid  
Even the wallflowers do survive -- they can thrive  
Even in the shadows  
And there is a power in finding out for yourself  
Rain or shine, whichever way it goes  
Even the wallflowers grow

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