

**Bend Joseph**

**Brandon Heath**

Verse :

**A**

I am not my family tree

**D**

These are different leaves, you know

**F#m**

There are miles and miles between

**E**

My roots and what I m tryin to grow

**A**

I am not the slave they sold

**D**

Nor am I royalty

**F#m**

**E**

worn them both The finest coat,

**A**

And rags that barely covered me

Chorus:

**F#m**

But there s mercy in the soil

**D**

Mercy in the sun

**A**

Learnin to forgive

**E**

What cannot be undone

**F#m**

What was meant to harm

**D**

Can t harm you in the end

**A**

Stepped out on a limb I thought my break

**E**

But love said,

**F#m**

It will only bend

**D**

It will only bend

Verse

**A**

I am not my past mistakes

**D**

Labeled by some place in time

**F#m**

Nor am I a trophy case

**E**

Tryin to maintain my shine

**A**

I have dreamed a thousand dreams

**D**

Watch a grain in famine grow

**F#m**

I am not my family tree

**E**

I have branches of my own

Bridge:

**A**

**E**

Oh, Does fate resign us too?

**F#m**

Find shelter for our wounds

**D**

Beneath the battered roof of broken dreams

**A**

**E**

Oh, But I will choose to stand

**F#m**

In the shadow of Your hand

**D**

And see what grows when grace has sown the seed

(Slow Down Strum ) Em

**D A E**

Oh, oh, oh

**F#m**

These are different leaves, you know

**D A E**

Oh, oh, oh