

I Am Ready

Determined (♩ = c. 126)

(Claudia's Song)

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Verses

Dm

I nev - er thought I was an - y - bod - y.
So man - y gifts that hide deep in - side of me:

C Dm

I nev - er thought I was an - y - thing.
love and com - pas - sion I ac - cept as me!

Dm

A good - ie two shoes al - ways put down - pushed a - side.
I've come a long way ba - by and you soon will see

C Dm

"I should - n't be here", I would cry.
I'm lov - ey and I'll hold you ten - der - ly!

C F

But wait a min - ute for now I'm grown,
I'm good at pain - ting, sing - ing and I know

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D G

three chil - dren of my own.
at ta - king care of babes whose tears do flow.

E Am

I did my best I worked hard each day.
I rock them gen - tly hold them to my breast.

D7 G

Now there's some - thing I need to say.
They feel se - cure: in my arms they rest.

Chorus

Gsus2 C Dm Dm7

I am read - y - so proud of my - self. I've come a long
I am read - y to stand straight and tall. I'm stri - ving for

G C

to Verse 2	to Bridge	Fine
C A7	C C/B	C

way and I'm here to say:
bet - ter for me and for all.

Bridge

Am Em

I need to have pa-tience pa-tience with my-self 'cause I can't

F E

get there fast e-nough! But I know

Am Em

I know it's one day at a time. This is the

F Dm G *to Chorus*

mo-ment and it is mine!