

“This was originally from an album called ‘The Story Of My Life’ that never came out, except for the title song. It was an album that Columbia wasn’t in love with, so eventually I scrapped it and waited for the next inspiration to come along. Here was a lot of personal stuff on this album, some written after the death of my father, some about our relationship. ‘Angel Above My Head’ tells my own story of trying to cope with my father’s passing and trying to remember what he told me about going on. It’s definitely a personal song that touches on a very sad nerve for me. My parents always supported me in whatever I did, whether it was music, fencing or school. I think that’s important. I miss him a lot.” - ND

**ANGEL ABOVE MY HEAD
NEIL DIAMOND**

If you're gonna be true to me
First, you've got to be true to yourself
Oh yeah
It don't matter 'bout nobody else
Oh, no
If it's there in your mind

It's a lesson I've just come to learn
Something
That I've only just begun to learn
Oh, yeah
For the very first time
For the very first time

Angel above my head
Calling my name in different places
Angel above my head
Saying it's alright
To show your face to the world

Everything seems new to me
Such a very recent turn of events
And the truth
Just doesn't make any sense
Oh, no
For the very first time

If we had another year or two
I would spend it being near to you
Oh, yeah
Like the very first time
Like the very first time

Angel above my head
Calling my name in different places
Angel above my head
Saying it's alright to show your face now

Angel above my head
Tapping me gently on my shoulder
That angel above my head
Saying it's time to be growing older
My friend

If you wanna be true to me
First you've got to be true to yourself
Oh, yeah
It don't matter 'bout nobody else
Oh, no
Keep me there in your mind
I'll be there by your side

Neil Diamond – 1985
'In My Lifetime' 3-CD Box Set – 1996