

## **Iris Dement**

# **"The Kingdom Has Already Come"**

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I stopped in the church to pray, It was the middle of the day  
And I don't even know if I believe in God But I laid my soul on the table  
And left that place believing I was able to pull back the curtain my old fears had drawn  
I was out on the fourth of July when I saw those kids I just had to cry  
The whole town was blazing in the summer's heat  
But out in front of a row of run down shacks they had that fire hydrant uncapped  
Baptizing their bodies right there in the street  
There's a tree outside my window It sings when wind blows  
I've got water and fire I know sorrow I feel desire  
And could it be that the kingdom has already come  
We all see good and bad in everything that we have  
But life is waiting just behind that veil if this will be loved and that will be hated  
The soul is left to struggle segregated  
Trapped in the harbor too weighted down to sail  
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