

Dar Williams "After All"

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You go ahead, push you luck
Find out how much love the world can hold
Once upon a time I had control
And reigned my soul in tight

Well the whole truth, it's like the story of a wave unfurled

But I held the evil of the world, so I stopped the tide, froze it up from inside

And it felt like a winter machine that you go through and then

You catch your breath and winter starts again And everyone else is spring bound

Then when I chose to live, there was no joy it's just a line I crossed

I wasn't worth the pain my death would cost, so I was not lost or found

And if I was to sleep, I knew my family had more truth to tell

And so I traveled down a whispering well to know myself through them

I'm growing up, my mom had a room full of books and hid away in there

Her father raging down a spiral stair, till he found someone

Most days his son and sometimes I think my father too was a refugee

I know they tried to keep their pain form me They could not see what it was for

But now I'm sleeping fine Sometimes the truth is like a second chance I am the daughter of a great romance And they are the children of the war

Well the sun rose, with so many colors it nearly broke my heart

It worked me over like a work of art and I was a part off all that

So go ahead, push your luck, say what it is you gotta

say to me
We will push on into that mystery
And it'll push right back and there are worse things
than that

'Cause for every price, and every penance that I could think of It's better to have fallen in love than never to have fallen at all 'Cause when you live in a world, well it gets into who you thought you'd be And now I laugh at how the world changed me, I think life chose me after all

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