

## **Dar Williams**

# **"After All Williams"**

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Go ahead, push your luck  
Find out how much love the world can hold  
Once upon a time I had control  
And reined my soul in tight

Well the whole truth  
Is 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

And when I chose to live  
There was no joy, it's just a line I crossed  
It 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

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 from 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  
And worked me over like a work of art  
And I was a part of all that

So go ahead, push your luck  
Say what it is you've got to 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 in to 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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