

## **Dar Williams**

### **"Are You Out There"**

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Perhaps I am a miscreation  
No one knows the truth there is no future here  
And you're the DJ speaks to my insomnia  
And laughs at all I have to fear  
Laughs at all I have to fear  
You always play the madmen poets  
Vinyl vision grungy bands  
You never know who's still awake  
You never know who understands and

Are you out there, can you hear this?  
Jimmy Olson, Johnny Memphis,  
I was out here listening all the time  
And though the static walls surround me  
You were out there and you found me  
I was out here listening all the time

Last night we drank in parking lots  
And why do we drink? I guess we do it cause  
And when I turned your station on  
You sounded more familiar than that party was  
You were more familiar than that party  
It's the first time I stayed up all night  
It's getting light I hear the birds  
I'm driving home on empty streets  
I think I put my shirt on backwards

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Jimmy Olson , Johnny Memphis

I was out here listening all the time  
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And what's the future, who will choose it?  
Politics of love and music  
Underdogs who turn the tables  
Indie versus major labels  
There's so much to see through

Like our parents do more drugs than we do  
Oh....

Corporate parents, corporate towns  
I know every TV set that has them lit  
They preach that I should save the world  
They pray that I won't do a better job of it  
Pray that I won't do a better job  
So tonight I turned your station on just so I'd be  
understood  
Instead another voice said I was just too late  
And just no good....

Calling Olson, Calling Memphis  
I am calling, can you hear this?  
I was out here listening all the time  
And I will write this down  
and then I will not be alone again yeah  
I was out here listening  
Oh yeah I was out here listening  
Oh yeah I am out here listening all the time

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