

## **Dar Williams**

# **"Mercy of the Fallen"**

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Oh my fair North Star  
I have held to you dearly  
I have asked you to steer me  
Til one cloud scattered night  
I got lost in my travels  
I met Leo the Lion  
Met a king and met a giant, with their errant knight

There's the wind  
And the rain  
And the mercy of the fallen  
Who say they have no claim  
To know what's right  
There's the weak  
And the strong  
And the beds that have no answers  
And that's where I may rest my head tonight

I saw all the bright people  
In imposing flocks they landed  
And they got what they demanded  
And they scratched at the ground  
Then they flew, and the field  
Grew as sweetly for the flightless  
Who had longing yet despite this  
They could hear every sound

There's the wind  
And the rain  
And the mercy of the fallen  
Who say they have no claim  
To know what's right

If your sister or your brother were stumbling on their  
last mile  
In a self-inflicted exile  
Wish for them a humble friend  
And I hope someday that the best of Falstaff's planners  
Give me seven half-filled manors  
Where half-dreams may dream  
Without end

There's the wind  
And the rain  
And the mercy of the fallen  
Who say, "Hey, it's not my place  
To know what's right"  
There's the weak  
And the strong  
And the many stars that guide us  
We have some of them inside us

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