

**Dar Williams****"The Ballad Of Mary Magdalan"**

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my name is mary magdalen  
i come from palestine  
please excuse these rags i'm in  
i've fallen on hard times  
but long ago i had my work  
when i was in my prime  
but i gave it up all for love  
it was his career or mine

jesus loved me this i know  
why on earth did i ever let him go  
he was always faithful, he was always kind  
but he walked off with this heart of mine

a love like this comes but once  
this i do believe  
and i'll not see his life again  
as i live and breathe  
and i'm sorry if i might offend  
but i'll never see  
how the tenderness i shared with him  
became a heresy

jesus loved me this i know  
why on earth did i ever let him go  
he was always faithful, he was always kind  
but he walked off with this heart of mine

and i remember nights we spent  
whispering our creed  
our rituals, our sacrament  
the stars, our canopy  
and there beneath an olive tree  
we'd offer up our plate  
god's creation, innocent  
his arms surrounding me

jesus loves me this i know  
why on earth did he ever have to go  
he was always faithful, he was always kind  
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