

**Dar Williams****"The mercy of the fallen"**

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oh my fair north star  
i have held to you dearly  
i had asked you to steer me  
till one cloud scattered night  
i got lost  
and in my travels  
i met Leo the lion  
met a king and met a giant  
with their errant light

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 answer  
and that's where i may rest my head tonight

i saw all the bright people  
in imposing flocks they langed  
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

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if your sister or your brother  
were stumbling on their last mile  
in a self-inflicted exile  
you'd hope they'd meet a humble friend  
and i hope someday  
that the best of Falstaff's planners  
give me seven half-built manors  
where half-dreams may dream without end

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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 many stars to guide us  
we have some of them inside us

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