

## Dar Williams

# "This Is Not The House That Pain Built"

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My house is hard to find, but I'll give you directions  
You can visit sometime, down where all that I built  
surrounds me  
Just make sure your car's got good shocks  
There's steep hills, there's potholes, there's rocks  
I work in the garden, my son plays around me  
Close the gate behind you, there's a horse that can't  
get out  
I will see you first, is that all right  
And can you remember, can you remember

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I was drowning in something, I jumped in the rift  
And you knew me back then, when I spat on my gift, but  
no

It's tough and it's tiring when you go it alone  
I learned about wiring, I learned about stone  
The building is done but the work's never through  
And I won't give up, no how, it reminds me of who I am  
and where I am now  
I remember myself, that's the work that I do  
On a spring night when the snow is melting  
You'll see two sets of footprints walking  
Look at all the stars, and turn around, and walk home  
Slowly walk home

This is not the house that pain built  
That is not a house that pain built  
My friends all think that I holed up and hid  
But I tell them I didn't, you know I don't think I did, no

And this is where I let my pain go  
This is where I let my pain go  
This is where the footprints dance in the snow

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