

# After All

Dar Williams

Go ahead push your luck  
Find out how much love the world can hold  
Once upon a time I had control and reined my soul in tight  
Well the whole truth  
Is like the story of a wave unfurled  
But I held the evil of the world  
So I stopped the tide  
Froze it up from inside  
And it felt like

A winter machine that you go through and then  
You catch your breath and winter starts again  
And everyone else is spring bound  
But when I chose to live

There was no joy it's just a line I crossed  
It wasn't worth the pain my death would cost  
So I was not lost or found  
And if I was to sleep

I knew my family had more truth to tell  
And so I traveled down a whispering well  
To know myself through them  
Growing up my mom had a room full of books  
And hid away in there

Her father raging down a spiral stair  
Till he found someone most days his son  
And sometimes I think my father, too, is a refugee  
I know they tried to keep their pain from me  
They could not see what it was for  
But now I'm sleeping fine

Sometimes the truth is like a second chance  
I am the daughter of a great romance  
And they are the children of the war  
Well the sun rose

With so many colors it nearly broke my heart  
It worked me over like a work of art  
And I was apart of all that  
So go ahead push your luck

Say what it is you gotta say to me  
We will push on into that mystery  
And it will push right back  
And there are worse things than that  
'cause for every price and every penance that I could think of

It's better to have fallen in love  
Than never to have fallen at all  
'cause when you live in a world  
Well it gets in to who you thought you'd be  
And now I laugh at how the world changed me  
I think life chose me

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