

# This Earth

[Dar Williams](#)

In my life on earth  
the things I have invented have invented me  
I found my industry  
I am not alone  
I fashion friends from precious scraps  
they hold the light they bend to serve me  
joking that they dont deserve me  
after days of craft and care  
I lift a sword and slice the air  
Such has been my time upon this earththis earth  
Then my wife returns  
more beautiful then when she left the night before  
I show her things I made  
The filigree of ferns, diamonds, snowflakes, tears of gold  
She murmurs praise, a small caress; I smile to see her happiness  
Silver webs with sand engrained  
that catch and hold real drops of rain  
Such has been my toil upon this earththis earth  
When Im feeling vexed I go upstairs and bury something deep  
Then stand back and push a button, from a distance watch the earth explode  
This earth  
I love this land of mortal men  
They wake to know the fire again  
The things we make, the things we feel,  
Armored plates and molten steel  
All of these inventions of the earth..the earththis earth..

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