

# After All

[Dar Williams](#)

You go ahead, push you luck  
Find out how much love the world can hold  
Once upon a time I had control  
And reigned my soul in tight Well the whole truth, it's 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 Then when I chose to live, there was no joy it's just a line I crossed  
I 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 I'm 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 was 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 a part off 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'll 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 into who you thought you'd be  
And now I laugh at how the world changed me, I think life chose me after all

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