

After All

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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 tightWell 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 boundThen 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 themI'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 forBut 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 warWell 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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