

Dar Williams

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Sometimes life gives us lessons sent in ridiculous packaging.

~Dar Williams

Milwaukee one of my favorite cities; I think Milwaukee is #1.

~Dar Williams

In the laughing times we know that we are lucky, and in the quiet times we know that we are blessed. And we will not be alone.

~Dar Williams

I'm becoming a professional nomad and enjoying that whole part of my life.

~Dar Williams

And where does magic come from? I think that magic's in the learning.

~Dar Williams

God looks like a guidance counselor, God's got that smile. God says, 'How could this be? That's really odd I guess I'll have to check my records, silly me, you know, I'm only God.'

~Dar Williams

And if I had a camera Showing all the light we give And showing where the light extends I'd give it to my friends

~Dar Williams

Writing 'February' made me realize that breaking form is a way of letting the song be human.

~Dar Williams

If you're looking for can-do, earthy-crunchy attitude then you've got to go to Wisconsin.

~Dar Williams

Sometimes I see myself fine, sometimes I need a witness. And I like the whole truth, but there are nights I only need forgiveness.

~Dar Williams

Slavery doesn't have any positives.

~Dar Williams

If a war has to happen, a war has to happen.

~Dar Williams

Being told that you are good at banter is like being told that you are a good person.

~Dar Williams

But if you're looking to be spooked by really tall trees then you've got to go to Washington State.

~Dar Williams

I just think the reassurance and the steadiness and the hands-on kindness can make a huge difference.

~Dar Williams

When we learn about ourselves, we can evolve.

~Dar Williams

It's just that you don't have to bring it to every stage. You can do a fundraiser for people that you support. You don't necessarily have to talk about one thing or another when you're on your own.

~Dar Williams

I am happy to do political fundraisers. I always hope that my friends will be, too. It's part of who you are and you shouldn't feel ashamed of what you believe in.

~Dar Williams

I would push for more production and Steve Miller would say, "Why do you want to have more production when you have real songs? You don't want to cover up the song."

~Dar Williams

The best, most solid place to stand as you look at our present situation is on a foundation of history. The Roman Empire, the British Empire, and the Nazi empire all have things in common.

~Dar Williams

There are a lot of people out there who are exactly half extrovert and half introvert and they love to be extroverts as long as they have enough time to go off and figure it all out.

~Dar Williams

You know how people say they're either like a cat or a dog? I feel like a cat. I just want to be alone. Isn't that weird? It's a lot to take in.

~Dar Williams

A lot of men were also becoming more attuned and less afraid of women [in the nineties].

~Dar Williams

There's tons of anger and angst and peculiarity and eccentricity, and good towns know that that's okay. But towns that are kind of bullshit don't know what to do with all those feelings.

~Dar Williams

I think the music was speaking to that opening up of whose voice gets heard and how multidimensional that voice can be.

~Dar Williams

The only I would say is a little different is when I know my parents are in the audience. That's never going to be the same as another concert.

~Dar Williams

At this point, I feel like I have roots in a lot of places. I have friends who have put down roots, in Seattle and San Francisco and Portland, and I feel very close to them.

~Dar Williams

[Mortal City] was also the beginning of the reality of the fact that I was going to have little pieces of my personality identifying with all of these different parts of the country.

~Dar Williams

I have odometer readings, kids; all sorts of measurements of what I've been doing for the last 20 years. I get it. I get that it was a while ago.

~Dar Williams

But I benefit from the taxes I pay because I know how to access the benefits of the taxes.

~Dar Williams

Everyone has to decide how they're going to appear in their lives, how they're going to put themselves out there to the world.

~Dar Williams

How I long to fall just a little bit, to dance out of the lines and stray from the light.

~Dar Williams

I have a sordid past.

~Dar Williams

Go ahead, push your luck, find out how much love the world can hold.

~Dar Williams

I really value people besides parents who nurture kids.

~Dar Williams

We have evolved to understand that language of power that's taken too much.

~Dar Williams

I think music is another language.

~Dar Williams

I try to be careful not to do single concerts where I fly out, do my show, turn around and go home.

~Dar Williams

We all do the wrong thing. And then we have to wake up the next morning and live with the fact that we have done things that are wrong.

~Dar Williams

You'll almost encounter a superstition amongst musicians, people sort of go through strange rituals, what they need to do to write a song.

~Dar Williams

For my 50th birthday I just want to make it all make sense [being exactly half introvert], and then a couple of weeks later do the blow-out with all my friends.

~Dar Williams

When people in government [make mistakes], they don't say, those people in the government. They say, we've got a problem to solve.

~Dar Williams

The light that stopped the night felt like forgiveness.

~Dar Williams

There was a lot of distance between the Dar of The Honesty Room and the Dar of Mortal City, so there was no attempt.

~Dar Williams

I'm amazed at the adolescent nature of some of the religious fanatics in our government. And they're full of double standards.

~Dar Williams

There's always people who came 600 miles to hear the song you didn't play.

~Dar Williams

But social justice and the environment are very tied together in my head.

~Dar Williams

A song versus an album is not like a scene versus a play.

~Dar Williams

Why wouldn't you want to be the envy of your neighbors by being so good and so generous and so smart in how you use the power that you obviously have? That's my patriotism.

~Dar Williams

Arizona is really cool but I couldn't stay there for too long.

~Dar Williams

The very best thing you can do is to try to write a song that has some sort of impact.

~Dar Williams

The funny thing is musicians often love to go to see visual art because you've got all these pictures to turn into metaphors.

~Dar Williams

The first concert I saw was Cheryl Wheeler.

~Dar Williams

I think we're coming to a place where we're saying all war is wrong. We might even learn something about the sensationalism we get caught up in with people like Donald Trump.

~Dar Williams

I fear that to fall in love with you is to fall from a great and gruesome height.

~Dar Williams

Every time you opt in to kindness
Make one connection, used to divide us
It echoes all over the world

~Dar Williams

But where do we come up with this notion of a woman in which the less space you take up, the more you're worth?

~Dar Williams

It's a collective truth that slavery is wrong, that child labor is wrong, that gross inequality is wrong. God didn't send it.

~Dar Williams

The only word for love is everybody's name.

~Dar Williams

Therapy was the biggest romance of my life.

~Dar Williams

As I said in one of my songs, we're still abolishing slavery, but nobody says it's a good thing. Nobody justifies it.

~Dar Williams

And I'll act like I have faith, and like that faith never ends, but I really just have friends.

~Dar Williams

If you're lucky you find something that reflects you, Helps you feel your life, protects you, Cradles you and connects you to everything.

~Dar Williams

They preach that I should save the world. They pray that I won't do a better job of it.

~Dar Williams

I'm just trying to be part of the movement that decentralizes and hopefully creates peace. By supporting smaller, democratic structures, you can effect change.

~Dar Williams

And you bring your words, But you're just like them, You're unprepared 'Cause you don't know the terrain

~Dar Williams

I was raised by parents who really admired the religious leaders of the left, as many 60s and 70s liberals did.

~Dar Williams

The biggest difference would be made if we don't have wars to begin with.

~Dar Williams

Guiding the ship takes more than your skill. It is the compass inside as the strength of your will.

~Dar Williams

And the ones that know you so well are the ones that can swallow you

whole.

~Dar Williams

...we're all in a soup of trying to live by words, and trying to live by poetry. It's both humbling, and really flattering to know that my words are part of all that.

~Dar Williams

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