

## Dancing In Starlight

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You tell me your life is alright  
Even in spite of this place  
But where are the eyes that I once knew?  
Why don't they light up your face?  
I know you are not one to wander  
You care not to circle the Earth  
But to judge by your voice and your manner  
You'd settle for less than you're worth

And the creek wants to run to the river  
As it would were it not for the dam  
And you might be dancing in starlight  
Far from this cold empty land

And I've not found the answer to all things  
And I haven't yet learned how to fly  
And sometimes the sunlight can't find me  
And it's all I can do just to try  
But I will not be stranded here thinking  
Of everything I shoulda done  
And I'll let no one build walls around me  
I'll let no one shut out the sun

For the creek wants to run to the river  
As it would were it not for the dam  
And I will strike out for the starlight  
With a smile and a wave of the hand

The roads and the cities may scare you  
With dangers that play with the mind  
But a place where your dreams must keep silent  
Is as deadly a place as you'll find  
So take care that the wind doesn't fool you  
Into hearing a false melody  
And look at your face in the water  
See if you like what you see

For the creek wants to run to the river  
As it would were it not for the dam  
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Yeah, the creek wants to roll to the river  
And it would were it not for the dam  
And you might be dancing in starlight  
Far from this cold empty land