

Dancing in the Rain

Background: A very old song I wrote in the early 90s prior to my sister's death, but it took on new meaning afterwards. It's about the fragile nature of the parent-child relationship and the alienation that can occur sometimes, starting at a young age but only revealed later as an adult. Parenting comes with no instructional manual. It's a difficult thing with greater responsibility than is immediately obvious. The impact you can have, positive and negative, is enormous, but it's not clear sometimes as to what actions have which effect. There's a lot of give and take and some competitiveness even. A balance is needed. The problem is that as kids you think your parents must know what they are doing and have it all together, so if something is wrong it's their fault. As an adult and parent you realize we have no clue and have thrust ourselves into a situation without adequate preparation, and for which there is none really. We are winging it, just like our parents did. I hope we do ok.

Written: First version 1992, revisions in ensuing years

Arr.	Key	Time	Tuning	Tempo	Style	Capo
1	A	4/4	Standard	135	Folk	None

Arrangement	1
Intro	Solo in Am
Verse	Am G Am Am G Am C Dadd9 Am Am G Am
Chorus	Dm Am x2
Bridge	F C Dm E F C Dm G E

All chords are fingerpicked arpeggios with pull-offs and hammer-ons

Chords Used in this Song

Am	G	C	Dadd9	Dm	F	E

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Verse 1

Am **G** **Am**
She's like a child in your hands
Am **G** **Am**
You give her all the love that she demands
C **Dadd9** **Am**
And fear that what hides behind her smile
G **Am**
Will fall beneath the weight of her denial

Am **G** **Am**
She pays close attention to her detail
Am **G** **Am**
And uses her emotions as blackmail
C **Dadd9** **Am**
She lacks the conscience to restrain
Am **G** **Am**
She must be dancing in the rain

Chorus 1

Dm
Fire
Am
The flames they will surround you
Dm
Inside her
Am
The walls close in around you

Verse 2

Am **G** **Am**
If you were a man you would see
Am **G** **Am**
She's not what you imagined she would be
C **Dadd9** **Am**
If time could only help to ease the pain
G **Am**

She feels when she's dancing in the rain

Chorus 2

Dm

Fire

Am

The flames will slowly drown you

Dm

Inside her

Am

The walls fall down around you

Solo

Bridge

F

C

She fears that her past will reveal

Dm

What her past now conceals

E

That the scars have never healed

F

C

All she wants is someone to blame

Dm

Someone to name

E G

Someone to share the shame

Verse 3

Am

G

Am

She walks across the field to her grave

Am

G

Am

She likes to feel her mother's rage

C

Dadd9

Am

The child in her can never be restrained

Am

G

Am

She must be dancing in the rain

Am

G

Am

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Bridge

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Verse 3

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<p>Verse: Am G Am Am G Am C Bm Am Am G Am</p>	<p>Chorus: Dm Am Dm Am</p> <p>Bridge: F C Dm E F C Dm G E</p>
<p>Verse 1 She's like a child in your hands You give her all the love that she demands And fear that what hides behind her smile Will fall beneath the weight of her denial</p> <p>She pays close attention to her detail And uses her emotions as blackmail She lacks the conscience to restrain She must be dancing in the rain</p> <p>Chorus 1 Fire The flames they will surround you Inside her The walls close in around you</p> <p>Verse 2 If you were a man you would see She's not what you imagined she would be If time could only help to ease the pain she feels when she's dancing in the rain</p>	<p>Chorus 2 Fire The flames will slowly drown you Inside her The walls fall down around you</p> <p>Solo</p> <p>Bridge She fears that her past will reveal What her past now conceals That the scars have never healed</p> <p>All she wants is someone to blame Someone to name Someone to share the shame</p> <p>Verse 3 She walks across the field to her grave She likes to feel her mother's rage The child in her can never be restrained She must be dancing in the rain She must be dancing in the rain</p>