## It's Unsustainable

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I was busy, I was occupied I was burning the fields A wind of black was blowing over me And when the cilia revealedAll the ash lining my lungs I heard a song, I heard a whispering I gave my torch to the flame I counted out the numbers silently A list of places and names That I'd best get back to, at least Were I soon to find leave or release? To sing again, now and then, now at leastOn to death and on to dignity On to flowering the grave On to faith and on to piety On to sending awayAll the tools our dynasty yields All these papers and axles and wheels On to quiet, on to silence On to stillIt's not unsustainableSo don't even try to explain me away We can make it, love We can bend at the knee, we can fall And still we can recoverIt's not unsustainable Don't say it It's not unsustainable

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