Keep It Even

Parquet Courts

There's a drawer in my house that I try
To keep closed but it's open
There's a commitment that I made to be
Somewhere but it's broken
An oblique mantra in my head
It lies there

On the floor

Like a bed that would collapse like a trap

If it was spoken

You gotta keep it even, even when You're uptightEven when you're happy

Even when you're reaching for some

Line I've had in mind

It's been repressed over time

So I'm breathing

Seduced by an excuse that could

Not be made but I'm speakingThere's a phone with a number that

I try not to call but it's ringing

For someone I've tried to keep to

Myself but I'm singing

It's logic that's twisted and paraphrased

And justified by a distance that separates

A bond, bound of persistence You gotta keep it even, even when

You're uptight

Even when you're happy

Even when you're reaching for

That drawer in my house that I try

To keep closed but it's open

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