Unsteady Ground

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At night we plant bones
In the dark as you children sleep
You should know by now
There is always something moving
Under your feet

Black water runs deep
Underneath these titanic plates
Where you build your homes
And you tie up your safety nets

But when these plates meet
It is mountains they make
When these bones shift
There's an earthquake

Watch your step
You should keep your head down
You never know what tomorrow will bring around
You hold onto what good fortune you have found
For you are walking on unsteady ground

We will drill the earth
And you'll ride that slick
When it dirties your hands
Yeah, it's a dirty trick

But it's like quicksand, you know
To distinguish the top from the undertow
It gets harder as your eyes and your bellies grow

Watch your step
You should keep your head down
You never know what tomorrow will bring around
You hold onto what good fortune you have found
For you are walking on

You love God, yes
You love your president, you
You want them both, but

We must keep them separate
The left hand don't know where the right is at yet
The children don't know yet that
We're bombing Baghdad

Keep your head down
Keep your head down
Keep your head down
We are walking on
We are walking on
We are walking on
We are all walking on

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