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Care for the Land

This is the only home that we shall ever have
From the cradle to the grave this land sustains us
It feeds and clothes and shelters us from the day that we are born
And when our life is done the land reclaims us
And so the circle is complete and we go back to the earth
The ageless perfect symmetry of birth to death to birth
As the land fulfils the promise it made to humanity
"I will care for you if you will care for me"

This is the only life that we shall ever live
And only you can give your life some meaning
You can spend your life in taking if taking is your choice
Or choose to sing along with the ancient voice of the land's dreaming
You can plant two strong young trees for every one you've taken
You can make and keep a pledge for every one you've broken
Or let your indifference make you blind, let your greed guide your hand
You can care just for yourself, or you can care for the land

This is the only truth that we shall ever know
Though false gods may come and go, the truth obscuring
As their names become a careless curse and their temples rise and fall
Constant through it all the land's enduring
Though for a while their words may ring in our heads like golden bells
Though for a while we may stop to drink at their shallow wells
Through all their empty clamour one simple truth shall stand
This land will care for us if we care for this land

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