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## This Or The Apocalypse "Mauna Kea"

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What was it about that outstretched knight That made you tie your hands? With your soul fastened to the earth, and no birds sing

My best man hears the golden verse but he don't even know

But he don't even know

We've loathed ourselves more than our vices [x2]

You're two handfuls of soil Thrown against the pavement

Why won't you grow? [x4]

Batter this nation; batter it's heart Just like an usurped town, to another due There is rhythm underneath the failing arches

Just let me through [x2]

I'll come like a foreign tirade With anguish moist and fever-dew Enmeshed in all the shackles of decline

And they'll scream to you that I have thee in thrall Just let me through [x2]

Just let me through [x2]

We are the rain fall We break apart across the stones

And we seek another river Half flushed like my lady's throat Joined back together and tumbling wayward

Tumbling wayward

But we are not the water No, we are no water at all For our earth is cold and dry, and no birds sing

We've loathed ourselves more than our vices [x2]

You're two handfuls of soil Thrown against the pavement

Why won't you grow? [x4]

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