

## **Tom Waits**

# **"What Keeps Mankind Alive"**

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You gentlemen who think you have a mission  
To purge us of the seven deadly sins  
Should first sort out the basic food position  
Then start your preaching, that's where it begins

Your lot who preach restraint and watch your waist as  
well  
Should learn for once, the way the world is run  
However much you twist or whatever lies that you tell  
Food is the first thing, morals follow on

So first make sure that those who are now starving  
Get proper helpings when we all start carving  
What keeps mankind alive? What keeps mankind alive?  
The fact that millions are daily tortured  
Stifled, punished, silenced and oppressed

Mankind can keep alive thanks to its brilliance  
In keeping its humanity repressed  
And for once you must try not to shrink the facts  
Mankind is kept alive by bestial acts

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