

# How Was I to Know

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When the order came to dig the well  
To crack the earth to pull the oil  
To take the blood out from my mother's veins  
Well I broke the ground to feed the mouth  
I did not hear the warning sound  
I could not put back in what I took out

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On the day I built a house so high  
It's antenna did scrape the sky  
Well everyone applauded in my shadow  
So my neighbour built a higher one  
Then again his neighbour after him  
Till racing through the clouds was all that mattered  
Up and up the buildings went  
Glass and stone and hard cement  
Till all the green was left to die below

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Long ago I caught a pretty fish  
Blue and silver and delicious  
And I knew she'd line my pockets green  
So I bought a bigger boat that had  
A net to scrape the ocean and  
I fished until one day that net was empty

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And how are we to now  
Turn these stepping stones around  
Back to everything that matters  
Can that place even be found or is it lost  
Forever

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