

Indigo Girls, Untitled Song

"Up in Smoke" is an Emily Saliers song, dating from early 1987, I believe. I think that it's one of the most pop-oriented tunes Emily has written, and it would fit in nicely with "Closer to Fine" and "Hammer and a Nail." It's just catchy as all get-out. And I happen to think that's a good thing.

Up in Smoke.

They took away my garden
To make room for a chemical plant
I feel my country's arteries harden
With the aid of a government grant

Chorus:

We are not a bunch of upstarts
Just out looking for a cause
We hunger for our justice
And not applause
We don't just make peace signs and meditate
We don't take this thing as a joke
We just want to relate - we're in a pretty bad state
And we don't want to go up in smoke
My water has got cancer
And the rivers have all dried
While I watch my country practice
Nuclear suicide

Chorus

Don't think it's impossible
To see this thing come clean
We're going to save this poor old world's head
From the guillotine

Chorus/Solo

They took away my garden
(My water has got cancer)
To make room for a chemical plant
(And the rivers have all dried)
I feel my country's arteries harden
(While I watch my country practice)
Nuclear suicide

Chorus

Oh Lord, we don't want to see our children go up in smoke.