

# Subsistence Culture

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Hunt and gather. Hunt and gather.  
Keep the numbers small and close.  
Don't defile the land with tractors  
and Roundup. Don't defile the air  
with burnt offerings of coal and oil.  
Defy the impulse to grow beyond  
your means and the means of the  
place where you lie at night.  
Subsist. Never exploit for goals  
abstract and meaningless when  
the meaning is the smile of faces  
gathered in a meal around the fire.

