

Singing for action on climate change

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Global People's Climate March

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1 BELLA CIAO (A)

Traditional. Arr. Ian Stirling.

Environment version: Raised Voices.

Oh we are marching for the environment
Oh bella, ciao bella, ciao bella, ciao, ciao, ciao
We raise our voices against pollution
We have to change our ways right now.

Oh we are singing for cleaner atmosphere
Oh bella...
No greenhouse gases, carbon emissions
A different energy right now.

Oh we are hearing the warning of the earth
Oh bella...
She speaks in hurricanes, she speaks in drought
and flood
We have to heed these signs right now.

Oh we are lobbying the state and industry
Oh bella...
For cleaner practices, for legislation.
We say No to T-TIP now!

2 RIVER CHAT (E to G)

River, river, where do you flow
With your water the colour of tea?
Golden red in your sandy bed
Do you flow to the wide green sea?

No said the river, I flow inland
Sink down deep among the rocks and the sand
Under the gidgee and the mulga tree
Where the desert people can drink me.

|: Earth belongs to all,
She belongs to no-one,
She belongs to herself. :|
(Repeat multiple times and add harmonies)

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3 LIFE ON EARTH (C to A ♭)

*Words Cynthia Cockburn, Tune Ros Brown,
Arr. Morag Carmichael (Raised Voices)*

They manufacture poisons
And get rich while nature dies
There's money in emissions that
Pollute the sheltering skies

Chorus 1:

But believe us when we say
There's a greater wealth today
When a million million people
Advocate for life on Earth
When a million million voices
Speak as one.

There's knowledge in the think-tanks
That the politicians buy
Intelligence isn't what it seems
Statistics also lie

Chorus 2:

But believe us when we say
There's a wisdom here today
When a million million people...

There's power in the nation state
There's power in the gun
There's power in the boardroom
Where destructive deals are done

Chorus 3:

But believe us when we say
There's a different power today
When a million million people...

4 ONE SONG (D)

One song, one dance
One world, one chance (x 5) (x3)

5 CONSUME DOOM DOOM (A and F)

Tune: Da Doo Ron Ron by Jeff Barry, Ellie Greenwich, Phil Spector.

Words: Camilla Cancantata and Morag Carmichael

1. Walking down the high street with my take away
Consume doom, doom, doom, consume doom,
doom
Send it to the landfill and have a nice day
Consume doom, etc.
(Ba-du-ba) Yeah, it won't bi-o-de-grade,
(Ba-du-ba) Yeah, it's all man made.
(Ba-du-ba) Yeah the workers are badly paid
Consume doom, doom, doom, consume doom,
doom

Take away, throw away, Take away, throw away (x3)
Stop!

2. Walking down the hi-igh street I sa-aw the light
Consume doom, doom, doom, consume doom,
doom
Looked into the future and ha-ad a fright
Consume doom, etc.
(Ba-du-ba) Yeah, it's looking bad
(Ba-du-ba) Yeah, the world's gone mad.
(Ba-du-ba) What happened to the earth we had?
Consume doom, doom, doom, consume doom,
doom

Take away, throw away, Take away, throw away (x3)
Stop!

3. No-ow's the time for us to turn this round
It's our wake-up call, it's our wake-up call
Plant more trees instead of cutting them down
It's our wake-up call, it's our wake-up call
(Ba-du-ba) Let's end this pollu-ution
(Ba-du-ba) That's part of the solu-ution
(Ba-du-ba) And we need a revolu-ution
It's our wake-up call, it's our wake-up call.
Sustainability, Sustainability, biodiversity, biodiversity,
care for the earth, care for each other and more!

4. Walking down the high street with my spade and
hoe
We plant our own now, we plant our own
Digging up potato-oes and watching beans grow
We plant our own now, we plant our own
(Ba-du-ba) Solar panels on the old town hall
(Ba-du-ba) Green jobs make a living for all,
(Ba-du-ba) Working together is our answer to the call
It's our wake-up call, it's our wake-up call.
Sustainability, Sustainability, biodiversity, biodiversity,
care for the earth, care for each other and more!

This is our wake-up call, this is our wake-up call

6 PACHAMAMA (MOTHER EARTH) (F)

Morag Carmichael (Raised Voices)

Starts & ends with Hopi chant, contains Cree proverb.

|: Hey yanna ho yanna, hey yan yan :| (x 2)
|: The earth is our mother.
We will take care of her. :| (x 2)
|: Hey hanna ho yanna, hey yan yan :| (x 2)

(Pachamama)
Pachamama, Pachamama (x2)

(Pachamama)
The earth is bleeding, the earth is dying,
It's time stop the devastation.
We cannot (---) eat money
(We cannot)
We cannot drink oil.

(Pachamama)
The corporations, they worship profit,
Their greed is boundless, where will it end?
We cannot (---) eat money
(We cannot)
We cannot drink oil.

[In shortened version do not sing this part:]

~~—(Leave the oil in the ground)~~

~~Leave it under the ocean.~~

~~—(Leave the oil in the ground...)~~

~~Only when the last tree has died,~~

~~And the last river been poisoned,~~

~~And the last fish been caught,~~

~~Will we realise, we cannot (---) eat money.~~

|: Leave the oil in the ground
Keep the woodlands and forests.
Let the mountains be,
It's time for nurture and healing now :| (x2)

(Pachamama)
Pachamama, Pachamama (x 2)

Hey yanna ho yanna, hey yan yan
(x 4, fading on 3rd and 4th)

7 TAR SANDS (B b)

Words: Morag Carmichael (Raised Voices)
(the tune of Daisy, Daisy)

Tar sands, tar sands
What a calamity
Massive pollution
Waste and toxicity
Ancestral lands and forests
Despoiled by greed for oil
Extracting tar to run my car
Causes global catastrophe.

8 MOTHER EARTH (C to F)

Frankie Armstrong.

I am the soil that harbours the seed
I am the crop the good soil yields

Chorus:

Remember I give you birth,
Remember Mother Earth.

I am the woods, the forest, the trees,
I give the buds, take back the leaves...

I am the rain, the rivers, the sea,
All creatures born must drink of me...

I have been here since time was new
But now I fear what YOUR time may do...

You plunder me for coal and for oil
Leaving me scarred, leaving me spoiled...

You clear the forests, uproot the trees
Poison the air, pollute the seas...

Pure air, pure rain, for millions of years
Now on the wind come acid tears...

Why can't you hear, why can't you see?
You kill yourselves if you kill me...

9 NOT GOING ON A JET PLANE (F# to G)

(tune of Leaving on a jet plane)

Words: Stephanie Irvine (RV)

The Arctic's melting, and that's a fact
The sea is rising, it's time to act
Hey, we're fiddling while the planet burns
The climate's changing, don't let us down
It's getting hotter, don't fool around
Cut emissions while the earth still turns

Chorus:

Let's use up less energy
Let's promote efficiency
Save the ozone in the atmosphere
NOT leaving on a jet plane
It's cleaner now to take the train
Cheap flights will cost us dear

Switch off the lights, the TV too
Simple things we all can do
Insulate and turn the heating down
Governments must regulate
Change the laws, it's not too late
Make polluters pay more, Cameron.

Chorus

10 ANTI-FRACKING SONG (D)

Music: World Turned Upside Down (Leon Rosselson)

Words: Leon Rosselson and Earl Pickens

1. They come like armies, they assault the land,
They blast down vast amounts of water, toxic chemicals
and sand

To crack the rocks and win the prize:
The shale gas they hope will see their profits rise.

2. They say it's safe, nothing to fear,
But it doesn't take a fracking scientist to spot a bad
idea.
Why can't they see that it's insane
To heat the planet, scar the earth for short term gain?

3. Ask who will profit? Who pay the price?
This plot of earth they're violating isn't theirs to sacrifice.
Just one small leak in the wells they sink
Will contaminate the water that we drink.

4. Earth's buried treasures they take by force,
But fracking uses so much water it depletes the water
source.
So now in Texas they're asking why
The shale gas flows while the water taps run dry.

5. Let's choose clean water, let's choose clean air,
Let's choose a future that's sustainable for everyone to
share.
Let's choose clean energy sea, sun and wind,
So we can keep those fossil fuels in the ground.

11 BOUNDARY SONG (A)

Molesworth Peace Camp.

Arr: Bradford Women Singers

You say this land is out of bounds
Our lives and our futures are out of our hands
This land is not yours to put boundaries around
We'll grow and get stronger, our voices resound.

You build new power stations for gas to burn
You act as if climate change weren't our concern
To give our children a future we build our campaign
We'll grow and get stronger, our ways must change.

12 SLEEPWALKERS ALL (E ♭)

(Round, sing as three parts)

Sleepwalkers all
No / more delusion
Planet Earth is sounding
Our wake up call
(Repeat first verse)

13 CARBON NEUTRAL SOCIETY (C)

1. How many types of local fruit and veg
In a carbon neutral society?
Here's all the places we can grow our food
In a carbon neutral society:
Apple trees along the street, window boxes full of wheat,
Beans in the back green, peas in the park.
Oh, there's a busy local market, full of local food
In a carbon neutral society.
2. How many types of transport do we have
In a carbon neutral society?
Here's all the ways that we can get about
In a carbon neutral society:
Bicycles for all to share, public transport everywhere,
Cars running on clean e-nergy.
Oh, there are bike paths and bus lanes and dancing in the street
In a carbon neutral society.
3. How many ways of making energy
In a carbon neutral society?
Here's how we make all the power that we need
In a carbon neutral society:
Windmills turning on the hill, solar power for when it's still,
Geo-thermal heating, hy-dro schemes,
Oh, we are cosy and warm in our insulated homes
In a carbon neutral society.

14 BLOWING IN THE WIND (G, low part: C)

Origin: Bob Dylan; Adapt. by: Morag Carmichael (RV)

How many roads must we humans walk down,
Till we know we are one humankind?
(Yes and) how many ice caps will melt to the sea?
How many lands will be drowned?
(Yes and) how many deep sea wells will leak oil,
before they are forever banned?
The answer, my friend, is blowing in the wind. (x 2)

How many years can a mountain exist,
before it's blasted to the ground?
(Yes and) how many years can forest people exist
before their trees are cut down?
(Yes and) how many planets will we need to survive,
unless we turn things around?
The answer.....

How many times do we need to look up,
before we can see the sky?
(Yes and) how many ears must one person have,
before they can hear people cry?
(Yes and) how many deaths will it take till we know that
too many people have died?
The answer....

15 OIL IN THE WATER

Words: Shell Out Sounds

Chorus:

Oil in the water,
Oil in the water children,
Oil in the water
Shell's gonna trouble the water.

Who's that yonder dressed in red?
Oil in the water
Must be the woman whose crops are dead,
Shell's gone and burnt the delta.
(Chorus)

Who's that young girl dressed in blue?
Down in the water
Tar sands oil is soaking her through
Shell's gone and poisoned the water.
(Chorus)

Who's that young boy dressed in white?
Down by the water
Watching an Arctic rig go by
Shell's gonna spill in the water
(Chorus)

RAISED VOICES

Raised Voices is a political choir based in North London. We sing for peace, justice and the environment, against militarism, capitalism, racism and sexism.

We practice on Thursdays 7.30 – 9.30 pm at the Doreen Bazell Centre, off Pancras Rd, NW1

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A weekend to bend the course of history

This week, heads of state are going to New York City for a historic summit on climate change. With our future on the line, we will take a weekend and use it to bend the course of history.

Our demand is for Action, Not Words: take the action necessary to create a world with an economy that works for people and the planet – now. In short, we want a world safe from the ravages of climate change.

To do that, we need to act - together.

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