

**We are people from Raised
Voices and other political choirs.**

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

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1 BELLA CIAO (A) *Traditional. Arr. Ian Stirling.*

We need to wake up, we need to rise up
We need to open up our eyes and do it
Now! Now! Now!
We need to build a better future
And we need to start right now.

We've got a problem on our planet,
We've got to solve it, get involved and do it
Now! Now! Now!
We need to build.....

Make it greener, make it cleaner
Make it last, make it fast and do it
Now! Now! Now!
We need to build.....

No point in waiting, or hesitating
We must get wise, take no more lies and do it
Now! Now! Now!
We need to build.....
Repeat all 4 verses, then repeat the final refrain: "we need to build"

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

Original: 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....

3 PACHAMAMA

(short version, inspired by Indigenous American principles)

Pachamama X5 in Tenors, others X4
Hey yanna , ho yanna, hey yan yan X2

(Pachamama X5 in tenors)
The earth is bleeding, the earth is dying,
It's time to stop the devastation,
We cannot eat money,
We cannot drink oil.

Leave the oil in the ground
Keep the woodland and forest
Let the mountains be
It's time for nurture and healing now.

Leave the shale gas in the ground
Keep our land free from fracking
Let our water be
And don't risk earthquakes
It's time for healing now.
REPEAT from "Leave the oil...."
THEN REPEAT initial "Pachamama"
And" Hey Yanna..."

4 ONE SONG (D)

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

5 THIS IS AN EMERGENCY

Music and lyrics Bythe Pepino, Extinction Rebellion

I'm sorry my friends
I didn't want to sto-op you
when you were having such a fine time

But this is an emergency
Your house is all on fire
And if we do not rise up now
All this will turn to ashes

I'm sorry my friends
I didn't want to trouble you
when you were having such a hard time

But this is an emergency
The water's are all climbing
And so we have to rise up now
Or we will soon be drowning

I'm sorry my chil-dren
I didn't want to frighten you
and this is no ghost story

This is an emergency
Our leaders have all failed us
And so we have to rise up now
And join the rebellion
And so we have to rise up now
And form the rebellion

6. 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.

7. THOSE WERE THE DAYS (E)

Lyrics Julia Clarke & Maggie Sobiech

Once we gloried in the earth's resources
Helped ourselves to everything we found
Gamblers learnt the game of market forces
Played with euro, dollar, yen or pound.

*Those were the days my friend, We thought they'd
never end
We'd sing and dance forever and a day
We'd live the life we choose, We'd fight and never lose
For we were young and sure to have our way.*

First we heard that temperatures were rising
Melting icecaps – earthquakes, floods and drought
Gamblers put out stories emphasising
Odds that put this climate change in doubt

*These are the days my friend, and now we must
defend
Our planet earth from destructiveness and greed
To save the atmosphere, we'll shout it loud and clear,
We will not buy more stuff that we don't need.*

Then we saw how war between the nations
Serves the gamblers' interests very well
Shock and horror's good for corporations
They don't care if we all burn in hell.
*These are the days my friend, And now we must
defend.... etc*

Corporate interests rule the politicians
When I buy their products they rule me
Revolutions start from small beginnings
Forest fires will spread from one small tree.

*These are the days my friend, And now we must
defend.... etc x 2*

8 CONSUME DOOM DOOM (A and F)

(Tune: Da Doo Ron Ron.

Words: Camilla Cancantata and Morag Carmichael)

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
etc.
(ba-du-ba) Yeah, 'twon't bio-de-grade
(ba-du-ba) Yeah, it's all man-made
(ba-du-ba) Yeah, the workers are badly paid Consume
etc.

Take away, throw away (x 6) Stop!

Walking down the high street when I saw the light
Consume etc.
Looked into the future and I had a fright Consume etc.
(ba-du-ba) Yeah, it's looking bad
(ba-du-ba) Yeah, the world's gone mad
(ba-du-ba) What's happened to the earth we had?
Consume etc.

Take away etc.(x 6) Stop!

Now'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!

Walking down the high street with my spade and hoe
We plant our own now, we plant our own
Digging up potatoes 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 that call
It's our wake-up call, it's our wake-up call.
Sustainability (repeat chorus)

This is our wake-up call (x 2)

9 SLEEPWALKERS ALL (Eflat)

(Round, sing as three parts)

Sleepwalkers all
No / more delusion
Planet Earth is sounding
Our wake up call