

Planet Blue: A Cantata for Climate Change



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Planet blue

A

Elohi, Elohi, Elohi, Elohi.

B - instrumental

C

Got to find a fix! Got to take a risk! Earth is in a spin, we have got to win!
Life is on the brink, is it time to think? Shaken to the core, can we take much more?

D

Running out of time, Earth is in decline, fallen to its knees, PLANET!
Listen to the sounds, danger signs abound, fallen to its knees, PLANET!
PLANET! PLANET! PLANET! PLANET! PLANET!

E

Planet Earth, land of our birth, planet Earth is doomed!
Planet Earth, land of our birth, planet Earth consumed!

F

Now is the time, the day, the hour, ev'ry minute matters, let's make the call. [Repeat]
Hear our voice. Make the call.

You must see that *[Repeat sections E & F]*

G

You must see that life as we know it cannot be the same.
Life as we know it till doomsday will change.

DRUM BREAK - PLANET! PLANET!

H

Climate change, change, change. *Can we reverse the damage? [x3]*

[Repeat sections G & H]

I

Planet blue! Planet blue! Blue planet! *[Repeat]*

J - Instrumental

What depth of footprint will you leave?

K

Never too small, *[clap]* never too small *[clap]* to make a difference!

No-one believes you! *[Repeat x3]*

No-one believes you! [Repeat x3]

Tread lightly

L

Blue Planet, Mother Earth, Elohi, global village. *[Repeat]*

Elohi, global village [Repeat]

M

Walk gently through these fragile lands, our future lies within our hands,

Blue Planet, Mother Earth, Blue Planet, Mother Earth

This generation understands, understands.

Blue Planet, Mother Earth, Mother Earth.

[Walk] *gently through these fragile lands, our future lies within our hands,

Blue Planet, Mother Earth, Blue Planet, Mother Earth

This generation understands we must walk gently.

Blue Planet, Mother Earth, Mother Earth.

*[Repeat from *]*

N

Each footprint leaves a lasting legacy, each path we choose can be recalled.

Each dream ingrained upon our memory, each act speaks louder than our words.

M

Tread lightly on this brittle earth, restore the lands that bring to birth,

Blue Planet, Mother Earth, Blue Planet, Mother Earth

Beauty deep, beyond all worth, all worth.

Blue Planet, Mother Earth, Mother Earth.

[Tread] *lightly on this brittle earth, restore the lands that bring to birth,

Blue Planet, Mother Earth, Blue Planet, Mother Earth

Beauty deep, beyond all worth we must tread lightly.

Blue Planet, Mother Earth, Mother Earth.

[Repeat from]*

Repeat section N

O

Each footprint leaves a lasting legacy, each path we choose can be recalled.

Each dream ingrained upon our memory, each act speaks louder than our words.

[Repeat]

Da Da Darwin

A

Young Charles was set to follow in the footsteps of his father,
A gentleman and doctor by profession.

'Twas family tradition for his grandfather before him,
Was asked to be King George the Third's physician.

From gentleman theologian to famous evolutionist.
Naturalist, zoologist, geologist and botanist!

B

Da da da da da...

C

Rattling down an' stamp and go, rattle them winches oh! [clap clap] [Repeat]

D

So, Darwin quickly learned he couldn't cut it as a surgeon,
The merest sight of blood made him feel queasy!
Instead he chose to focus on the study of religion,
A subject that he liked and found quite easy.

E

Da da da da da...

F

Rattling down an' stamp and go, rattle them winches oh! [clap clap] [Repeat x 4]

G

A five year voyage followed, "All aboard the good ship Beagle!"
"All hands on deck and a yo heave-ho, let's rattle them winches!"
Poor Darwin he was seasick, bleugh! But goodness it was worth it,
When first he saw the tortoises and finches.

Seasick sailor, trailblazer, author of, the author of the Origin of Species.
The Origin of Species.

H

From Salvador to Rio, down the coast to Maldonado,
Where Gauchos helped him ride and to explore, explore.
Revealing hidden fossils on the coast of Patagonia,
Exotic plants and animals galore, galore!

From gentleman theologian to famous evolutionist.

Naturalist, zoologist, geologist and botanist!

I

One thousand, three hundred, eighty-four pages,
Facts and figures, observations, stages of life.
One thousand, five hundred, twenty-nine species,
Found, collected, stored, recorded, fossils and rocks.

J

Rattling down an' stamp and go, rattle them winches oh! [clap clap] [Repeat]

From gentleman theologian to famous evolutionist.

Naturalist, zoologist, geologist and botanist!
Gentleman theologian to famous evolutionist.
Naturalist, zoologist, geologist and botanist!

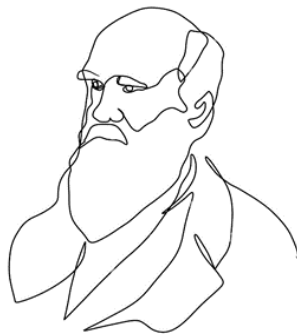
Oh Rattling down an' stamp and go, rattle them winches oh! [clap clap] [Sing x4]

Rattle them winches oh! [clap clap] (Sing x4)

K

Dar - win. Dar - win.

Dar - win. Dar - win.



I cannot change the world

I cannot change the world [x3]

So please don't tell me - I can make a difference

A

Gaze upon the canopy of blackness pierced by stars (by stars, by stars, by stars).

Look into the future - have we spoiled this world of ours (of ours, of ours, of ours)?

Look into the future - have we spoiled this world of ours, world of ours?

I just can't change the world - I can make a difference.

B

Dazzled by the stellar sight of countless galaxies of stars (of stars, of stars).

Earth is turning into dust - let's make new life on Mars? (on Mars, on Mars)

Earth is turning into dust, new life on Mars, life on Mars.

I just can't change the world - *I can make a difference.*

C

Sirius, Bellatrix, Epsilon, Centauri, Graffias, Zosma, Peacock, Australis.

Canopus, Arcturus, Antares, Polaris, Regulus, Mimosa, Alhena, Velorum.

Canopus, Arcturus, Antares, Polaris, Regulus, Mimosa, Alhena, Velorum.

D

For the brightest stars with their perfect light,

Need the longest day and the deepest night.

For the sky is darkest just before the dawn.

Will you wait for me on the other side?

Make a place for me across the great divide.

Will you be the one to keep the flame alive?

E

Make a diff'rence to me, make a diff'rence to you and me.

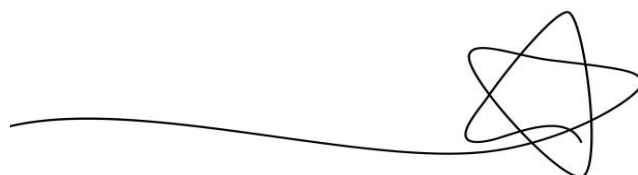
Make a diff'rence to what might be one day.

CODA

I can make a difference, so please don't tell me,

I cannot change the world.

[Breath in...] [Breath out...]



Thief of time

There's no time to waste, not a minute, not a minute. *[Repeat]*

There's no time, it's showtime, it's pack up and go time.

It's now or never so they say.

There's no time, it's showtime, it's pack up and go time.

To Kingdom come? We're on our way!

Verse 1.

Procrastination is the thief of time, prevarication is the major crime.

Master of inaction, the king of long delay.

Put off till tomorrow what you could begin today.

Change is coming, better believe it, better believe it!

Change is coming, change is coming, better believe it, better believe it!

Verse 2.

Deliberations often take too long, examination of what's going wrong.

Busy doing nothing, tomorrow never comes.

This world's slowly dying while we're twiddling our thumbs!

Change is coming...

But time is ticking, slip, slip away. Days are numbered, tick, tick, tick today.

Caterpillar, stegosaurus, alligator, pomegranate, Barracuda, ballerina, Cinderella, plum!

There's no time to waste...

Verse 3.

Our politicians have been slow to act, delayed decisions and ignored the facts.

Evidence is building, but they're just killing time.

Rescuing our future is the mountain we must climb.

Change is coming...

Verse 4.

Co-operation has begun at last, look to the future, don't dwell on the past.

(They say) time's a healer, we're in the nick of time.

Better late than never for a stitch in time saves nine!

Change is coming...

But time is ticking...

THIEF OF TIME!



You and me

A

You and me, were meant to be...

You and me, we'll always be...

B

You and me, were meant to be together, summer long,
Strolling through the fields of gold is where we both belong,

Hop in a spaceship, fly to Mars... x6

C

You and me, we'll always be together in the sun,
Cloudless skies were no surprise when we just lived for fun,

D

Footprints in the sand, dreams within our hands, life made no demands, free to roam.
Footprints in the sand, dreams within our hands, life made no demands, take me home.

E

Walk gently, step softly, tread lightly, through this land. [Repeat]

F

Instrumental (dream sequence - images)

Intergalactic space alert, intergalactic space alert! [Repeat]

G

You and me weren't meant to see the summer turn to fall.
Darkened skies have chilled the air as winter starts to call.

H

Leaves fall to the ground, storm clouds gather round.
Echoes all around, through this land.

I

Walk gently, step softly, tread lightly, through this land.

Walk gently, step softly, tread lightly, through this land.

Walk gently, step softly, tread lightly, through this land...land

Walk gently, step softly, tread lightly, through this land....land.



Water into wine

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!

Verse 1.

What can you rescue from the tip, or a skip? Be resourceful.
And when you've litter for the bin, lob it in. Don't be wasteful.

Your old possessions are not scrap, do be mindful to recycle.
And then we'll put recycling on the map!

We're turning water into wine, close your eyes! You'll get the picture.
Like Rumpelstiltskin spinning straw, on a wheel, into purest gold.

Creating gems from piles of junk to funk, is it garbage? Is it rubbish? Is it landfill?
Make something new from something old.

Verse 2.

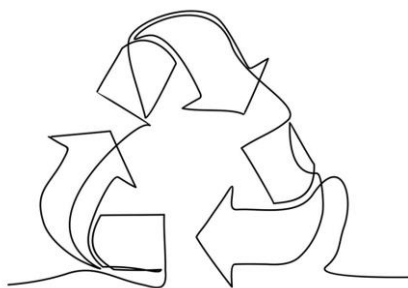
Reincarnation for our trash, making cash from our clutter.
Repurpose things that would end up, all screwed up in the gutter.

The aim is to reduce our waste pile, making good use of our refuse,
Enough to make a Womble really smile!

So Scrappy Don't not Scrappy Doo, Scrappy Doo, our eco hero.
If you're in doubt don't chuck it out, reinvent, re-imagine.

Repair the dents and call it antique, call it timeless, call it vintage, call it retro.
Make something new from something old.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!



Bug Sushi

Verse 1.

You don't have to be a vegetarian, or become a vegan overnight.
You don't have to be a pescatarian, or become a vegan overnight.
It's not a case of what you like, it's not so black and white,
Whether, whatever the diet you're eating is right!

Verse 2.

You don't have to be a vegetarian, or become a vegan overnight.
You don't have to be a pescatarian, or become a vegan overnight.
But have you ever stopped to think? Yes, really stopped to think!
Eating meat won't meet your Great Expectations.

Monday: Grasshoppers, butterflies, locusts and grubs. Yum, yum!

Tuesday: Dragonflies, scorpions, mealworms and slugs. Yum, yum!

Wednesday: Cockroaches, ladybirds, crickets and gnats. Yum, yum!

Thursday: Hoverflies, millipedes, maggots and bats. Yum, yum!

Friday: Bush crickets, stag beetles, aphids and fleas. Yum, yum!

Saturday: Stick insects, pondskaters, leeches and bees. Yum, yum!

Sunday: Yummmm, yum!

Verse 3.

You don't have to be a vegetarian, or become a vegan overnight.
You don't have to be a pescatarian, or become a vegan overnight.
Ahem! 'To be or not to be? To be or not to be?
To be or not to be that is the question!'

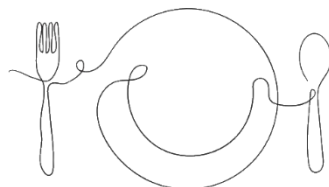
[Repeat Monday to Saturday]

Sunday: If music be the food of love...play on!

Verse 4.

Now's the time to be a climatarian, shrink your carbon footprint overnight.
You could be a gourmet Rastafarian, eating well to get the balance right.
But now's the time to think, yes, really stop to think!
Whether whatever the diet you're eating is right!

Reduce, reuse, recycle! Yeah!



Palomita

Verse 1.

Palomita vamos a mi tierra,
Little dove let us fly to our home.
Let's go back to the place we remember,
Let's go back to the place of our dreams.

Chorus

*We must always be mindful this wonderful world,
Is on loan to each new generation.
So, wherever I wander, wherever I roam,
There is no place I'd rather call home.*

Verse 2.

Palomita I need you here with me,
Making memories with each passing year.
Compañero, I'll never be lonely
If you stay, we'll have nothing to fear.

Chorus

*We must always be mindful this wonderful world,
Is on loan to each new generation.
So, wherever I wander, wherever I roam,
There is no place I'd rather call home.*

Verse 3.

Little dove help us care for our planet,
And remember there's no Planet B!
Little dove help us care for our planet,
And remember there's no Planet B!



Back on Track

Narrator: *Our planet is in trouble. It's time to unpack the myths surrounding climate change. Band together to halt the devastation we are inflicting on our ailing earth... Mobilise people to take collective responsibility to pursue a brighter future for our world. "There can be no greater legacy than giving young people the tools they need to save our planet." (David Attenborough)*

Ah...ooh...ah...ooh

Verse1.

As the future of this nation we must face the situation,
And acknowledge that we're damaging our home.
No more time for hesitation or the scale of devastation,
Will impact on us in ways as yet unknown.

Pre-chorus

Not just damage limitation but a sense of conservation,
We must strive to bring our planet back on track. [Repeat]

Chorus

Back on track, ooh. [x2]

Verse2.

There's a growing expectation that we stop deforestation,
To ensure the air we breathe is pure and clean.
It is us, our generation who will lead this restoration,
Showing that our big blue planet's turning green.

Pre-chorus

Chorus

Verse 3.

As the future of this nation we must face the situation.
And acknowledge that we're damaging our home.
No more time for hesitation or the scale of devastation
Will impact on us in ways as yet unknown.

Pre-chorus

Back on track!

