

**SeaGreen Singers  
(Oxford)**

**Songbook for Green Fair, 1st Dec  
and Campsfield meeting, 22nd Nov. 2017**

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**Lyrics & Song sheets**

For scores in musical notation and mp3 sound files of the choral parts for these songs look at the SeaGreen Singers website: [www.seagreensingers.com](http://www.seagreensingers.com)

The Seagreen Singers are a group based in Oxford singing songs to change the world about peace, protest, environment, feminism.

The SeaGreen Singers is named after the colour of the ribbons worn by the Levellers, a radical movement in Cromwell's Model Army. The Levellers believed in equality for all, justice, and human rights.

All are welcome to join, you don't need singing experience, and you don't need to read music. We meet at St.Columba's Church Hall, Alfred Street (just off the High Street, Carfax end) Oxford, on Mondays at 8pm.

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Or that she's a strain on  
the national debt  
For Rosa has spirit and  
courage galore  
To brave every ocean  
and land on this shore

Chorus

I want Rosa to stay  
I want Rosa to stay  
I want Rosa to stay  
Not just today  
Or tomorrow  
But forever

2. Well I've read the  
headlines in papers I've  
bought  
The panic that passes as  
rational thought  
Written by peddlars of  
falsehood and fear  
Who say it's a problem  
that Rosa is here.  
They want to make Rosa  
their next deportee  
Saying she takes  
resources intended for  
me  
And rich men in  
mansions say that's why  
I'm poor

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But I don't remember  
being wealthy before.

Chorus

3. So I won't be swayed  
by the things that you say  
Cos I understand why  
you play it this way  
For I see a world that is  
owned by the few  
And run in your interest  
to benefit you  
So if we get angry at  
what we obtain  
You need someone easy  
to carry the blame  
And Rosa's the one that  
you hope we'll pursue  
So we won't go pointing  
the finger at you

[We want Rosa to stay  
We want Rosa to stay  
We want Rosa to stay  
Not just today  
Or tomorrow  
But forever ] x2

#### **4. We shall not give up the fight**

1. We shall not give up the fight,  
we have only started we have only started, we have only started  
We shall not give up the fight,  
we have only started we have only started, we have only started

2. Together we'll have victory,  
hand holding hand, hand holding hand, hand holding hand  
Together we'll have victory,  
hand holding hand, hand holding hand, hand holding hand

3. Never ever put to flight,  
we're bound to win, we're bound to win, we're bound to win  
Never ever put to flight,

we're bound to win, we're bound to win, we're bound to win

4. We shall not give up the fight,  
we have only started we have only started, we have only started  
We shall not give up the fight,  
we have only started we have only started, we have only started

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## # - Green Fair

### **Intro Singing For Our Lives (We are the Oxford SeaGreen Singers)**

*Holly Near, arr: Ian Stirling*

We are the Oxford  
SeaGreen Singers  
and we are singing,  
singing for our lives  
We are the Oxford  
SeaGreen Singers,  
and we are singing,  
singing for our lives

We are a gentle angry  
people,  
and we are singing,  
singing for our lives  
We are a gentle angry  
people,  
and we are singing,  
singing for our lives

We are a justice seeking  
people,  
and we are singing,  
singing for our lives

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We are a justice seeking  
people,  
and we are singing,  
singing for our lives

We are a land of many  
colours,  
and we are singing,  
singing for our lives  
We are a land of many  
colours,  
and we are singing,  
singing for our lives

We are gay and straight  
together,  
and we are singing,  
singing for our lives  
We are gay and straight  
together,  
and we are singing, singing  
for our live

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Geo thermal heating,  
hydro schemes,  
Oh we're cosy and warm  
in our insulated homes  
In a carbon neutral  
society

4. How many kinds of fun  
can you find  
at Oxford City Farm?  
Here's where you learn  
where all your food  
comes  
from at Oxford City Farm.  
Visiting the pigs is fun,  
watering, weeding must  
be done.  
Beans in the ground and  
pumpkins abound  
So work, play enjoy  
yourself and come and  
join us here  
at Oxford City Farm.

## **2. Climate Skeptic**

*by Douglas Hamilton*

*Tune: What shall we do  
with the drunken sailor  
The verses are sung in  
unison; the chorus is  
sung in harmony*

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*Chorus:*

What can you do with a  
climate skeptic x3  
If they won't shut up.

1. Tie up their assets in  
coastal property x3  
Rising expectations
2. Put 'em in a desert  
and ration their water x3  
We'll see how they like it.
3. Take 'em to the artic  
and make 'em tread  
water x3  
'Mongst the polar bears.
4. Lock 'em in a room  
with nothing but money  
x3  
See what good it does  
them
5. Make 'em explain to  
their children's children  
x3  
Why they did not care

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## **5. Raise Your Knitting High**

*John Tams, new words*

*Jane Lewis arr Belgian*

*Palestine choir*

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Ours will be the final  
gain, we will hear the  
victory cheers.

1. Bound together  
through the land, needles  
clicking in our hands  
Peaceful knitters make a  
stand, craftiness will win  
the day

*Ch:* Raise your knitting  
high, stitch by stitch and  
row by row  
Plain and purl will never  
die, raise your knitting  
high

2. Those who knit in face  
of strife, those who purl  
for liberty,  
crochet for a better life,  
pink to keep the future  
free.

3. Though the struggle  
brings us pain, though  
the struggle brings us  
tears.

## **7. Bella Ciao - Singing for the Climate**

1. 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.

2. We're on a planet that  
has a problem,  
We've got to solve it, get  
involved and do it  
NOW! NOW! NOW!  
We need to build a better  
future,  
And we need to start  
right now.

3. Make it greener, make  
it cleaner, Make it last,  
make it fast and do it  
NOW! NOW! NOW!  
We need to build a better  
future,  
And we need to start  
right now.

4. No point in waiting or  
hesitating,  
We must get wise, take  
no more lies and do it  
NOW! NOW! NOW!  
We need to build a better  
future,  
And we need to start  
right now.

## **10. Transition Town Medley**

a. (Tune: Oh When the Saints)

We'll dig the soil and  
plant our seeds,  
We'll dig the soil and  
plant our seeds,  
We wanna eat a local  
diet, We'll dig the soil and  
plant our seeds!

b. (Tune: Swing Low  
Sweet Chariot)

Windmills and solar  
power, Coming forth to  
power my home,  
Windmills and solar  
power, Coming forth to  
power my home.

c. (Tune: I'm Gonna  
Sing)

Take the train, train,  
train, Take the bus, bus,  
bus,  
Take the train, take the  
bus, Ride your bike,

When the aeroplanes are  
gone I'll stop singing you  
this song,  
Take the train, take the  
bus, Ride your bike!

## **11. Wangari**

Sow the seed it will be,  
one more tree to grace  
the earth x4  
Wangari, wangari x4  
One seed, one tree, one  
woman unbowed x4  
[sing this line as a round  
each group starting their  
cycle after 'one seed',  
i.e.one seed... - one  
seed... - one seed...]  
Wangari, wangari x4

## **12. Singing for our lives**

see Intro (first song) -  
'We are the  
Seagreensingers'

## **13. Envoi - We shall go singing**

We shall go singing  
to the fashioning  
of a new world

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their guns and shields.

When we fight, provoked  
by their aggression, Let  
us be inspired by life and  
love.

For, though they offer us  
concessions, Change will  
not come from above.

Chorus

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And to all give a happier  
lot.

Each [those] at the forge  
must do his [their] duty  
And strike the iron while  
it's hot

[ And we'll strike while  
the iron is hot.]

**On the 12th day of  
Christmas the council gave  
to me....**

12 Safe bike tracks  
11 Clean air streets  
10 Electric waste trucks  
9 Clean coaches  
8 Car-free communities  
7 Rural buses  
6 Committed Councils  
NO EXPRESSWAY!!!!!!  
4 Freight hubs  
3 Train stations  
2-deck park and rides  
And a solar car charger at  
Pear Tree!