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Words you can sing are in **Bold**

1. Singing For Our Lives

(B/D/G) Holly Near, arr: Ian Stirling

1. 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

2. Climate Skeptic (G)

Tune: What shall we do with the drunken sailor.

**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

3. Carbon Free Society (C/C)

Tune: English Country Garden

You sing: 'In a carbon free society

1. How many types of local fruit and veg

In a car-bon free soci-ety?

Here's all the places we can grow our food

In a car-bon free soci-ety

Apple trees along the street,

win-dow boxes full of wheat

Beans in the back-green, peas in the park

There's a busy local mar-ket full of local food

In a car-bon free society

2. How many types of trans-port do we have

In a car-bon free soci-ety

Here's all the ways that we can get about

In a car-bon free soci-ety

Bicycles for all to share,

pub-lic trans-port every-where

Cars run-ning on clean energy

Oh there's bike paths and bus lanes and dan-cing in the street

In a car-bon free society

3. How many ways of mak-ing
energy

In a car-bon free soci-ety

Here's how we make all the power
that we need

In a car-bon free soci-ety

Wind-mills turn-ing on the hill,
solar power for when it's still
Geo thermal heat-ing, hydro
schemes,

Oh we're cosy and warm in our
insu-lated homes

In a car-bon free society

4. When I needed a neighbour

(Bflat/Gflat/Dflat) Sidney Carter 1966

You sing:

'Were you there.

*And the creed and the colour and
the name won't matter*

Were you there?'

1. When I needed a neighbour, **were
you there, were you there**
When I needed a neighbour, **were
you there.**

**And the creed and the colour and
the name won't matter
Were you there?**

2. I was hungry and thirsty, **were
you there, were you there**
I was hungry and thirsty,
were you there,
And the creed etc.....

3. I was cold, I was naked,
were you there, were you there
I was cold, I was naked,
were you there,
And the creed ...etc.

4. When I needed a shelter,
were you there, were you there
When I needed a shelter,
were you there,
And the creed ...etc.

5. When I needed a healer,
were you there, were you there
When I needed a healer,
were you there,
And the creed ...etc.

6. Wherever you travel,
I'll be there, I'll be there
Wherever you travel,
I'll be there.

**And the creed and the colour and
the name won't matter
I'll be there?**

**5. Bella Ciao - Sing for the climate
(C/C/Aflat/F)**

Chorus in bold

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.

6. Just desserts

Round to tune: Frere Jacques.

World turned upside down cake
x2
Eton Mess x2
Ruling classes crumble x2
Just desserts x2

7. Transition Town Medley

(1:C/2:E/3:E)

(Tune : Oh When the Saints)

1. 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

Tune Swing Low Sweet Chariot

2. Wind-mills and solar power
Com-ing forth to power my home
Wind-mills and solar power
Com-ing forth to power my home

(Tune: I'm Gonna Sing)

3. Take the train, train, train
Take the bus, bus, bus,

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

8. E malama

(A/F/C/F) *We sing all parts 'E*
Malaama' twice; 'Earth and fire...' twice;
then 'E Malaama' twice again.
At 2009 street-choir festival at
Manchester they sang: 1st time sop; 2nd
time sop+alto; 3rd time with bass then
Earth and sky then E Malama all parts.

[E malama i ka hay-ee-ow,
E malama i ka hay-ee-ow,
E malama pono i ka hay-ee-ow, E] x2

Basses - E malama E, E malama E, E
malama,
E malama pono i ka hay-ee-ow, E

[Earth and sky, Sea and stone,
Hold this land in sacredness*], x2

[E malama i ka hay-ee-ow,
E malama i ka hay-ee-ow,
E malama pono i ka hay-ee-ow, E] x2

**Aternatives for 'sacredness':*
'tenderness', 'gentleness',
'Earth and sky, Sea and stone,
Keep an e-qui-lib-ri-um'.

Singsong - if you want!

9 Oh, I Do Love To Live Beside The Frackers (starts G)

(Tune: Beside the Seaside. Words: Julia Clarke)

Oh I do like to live beside the
frackers
As they drill deep for gases in the
rock
And they pump toxic chemicals right
down the well
Polluting all the water so it makes us
ill
And I do like to breathe in all that
methane
Cuadrilla says it's safe for you and
me
While the earth around me shakes
With the tankers and the quakes
Beside the frackers I love to be.

10 Those Were The Days (G)

(Climate version. Tune: Gene Raskin. Lyrics: Julia Clarke and 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.

da da dad a da dai etc)

First we heard that temperatures
were rising
Melting ice and earthquakes, floods
and droughts
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 selfishness
and greed.

To save the atmosphere,
We'll shout it loud and clear,
We will not buy more stuff that we
don't need.

(da da dad a da dai... etc)

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, 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, etc. (x
2)