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Songs (in singing order in two sessions)

Intro: We are the Oxford SGS - see Singing for our lives

1. Leave the oil in the ground (tune: Diggers song)
2. Right to life - Land rights
3. E Malama,
4. Transition Town Medley (tunes: When the Saints, Swing low, I'm gonna sing)
5. Walk a mile in my shoes.
6. When I needed a neighbour - Were you there
7. Let us in: Calais refugee song
8. I want Rosa to stay
9. Carbon Free Society (tune: English Country Garden)
10. Green song
11. Sing for the climate (tune: Bella Ciao)

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Leave the oil in the ground

Jane Lewis, Tune: Diggers Song

Leave the oil in the ground,
sing out now, sing out now,
Leave the oil in the ground,
sing out now.

For a future clean and fair,
full of life for all to share
We can show the world we
care,
no more car-bon in the air
Leave the oil in the ground

Leave the gas* in the
ground, sing out now, sing
out now,
Leave the gas** in the
ground, sing out now,
This is an emer-gency,
limit change to two
degrees,
The earth's our treas-ury,
so leave a hope-ful leg-acy,
Leave the gas** in the
ground.

Leave the coal in the seam,
sing out now, sing out now,
Leave the coal in the seam,
sing out now,

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Let us turn our planet
green,
mak-ing energy that's clean
Sun and wind and tidal
schemes,
Come let's real-ise our
dream
Leave the coal in the seam

You gentle people all
sing out now, sing out now,
You gentle people all sing
out now
This planet to main-tain,
prof-it-eer-ing we dis-dain,
Shame-less com-pan-ies
we name,
pub-lic own-er-ship we
claim,
Leave the oil in the ground

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* gas beneath the sea,

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Change will not come from
above.

Chorus

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Transition Town Medley

Each part sings all 3 songs, one after the other, but starts on a different song: part 1 sings parts 1,2 and 3; part 2 sings parts 2,3 and 1; part 3 sings parts 3, 1 and 2.

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 : *Oh When the Saints*)

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: *Swing Low Sweet Chariot*)

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

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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
(Tune: *I'm Gonna Sing*)

Walk a mile in my shoes

Walk a mile in my shoes before you throw the stones of judgement, walk a mile in my shoes

When I needed a neighbour

Sidney Carter 1966

Unison

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?

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Our companies are logging their forests destroying their old ways of living, What can they do

3. The prospect's appalling, our leaders are stalling so now we are calling for action from you.
We must begin acting to stop the exploiting of earth and its beings. This we can do.

4. The people are rising and they are demanding sustainable living and action from you.
So join the campaigning together we're striving for just equal sharing in all that we do, Yes this we can do.

Bella Ciao - Sing 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!

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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.

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Let us in: Calais refugee song

Jane Lewis

1. When I open my eyes I see a barbed wire fence, and a hungry face and a broken tent, when I close my eyes I see a man with a gun, going round and round and round and round in my head.

Chorus

Please give us a place at your table, let us in, let us in. Can you share of your sal-mon and honey Our pain is your pain too

2. And the soles of my feet are rubbed red and raw from a burn-ing trek over Syr-ian sands where my daugh-ter was taken right out of my hands going round and round and round and round in my head.

Chorus

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3. And the bombs you sold are the bombs we heard crash-ing into dust with a blind-ing light And my mother and father both died that night going round and round and round and round in my head.

Last chorus

Please give us a place at your table, let us in, let us in. Can you share of your sal-mon and honey Our pain is your pain too Our hope is your hope too Our life is your life too

I want Rosa to stay

Alun Parry

1. Hello Rosalita, well I know your name I've learned to pronounce it again and again For I got to know you and I know you well

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So I don't believe all the tales that they tell No I don't believe Rosalita's a threat 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 Roasa their next deportee Saying she takes resouces intended for me

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And rich men in mansions say that's why I'm poor 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 x3 Not just today, Or tomorrow But forever] x2