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**Today's
Songs
(Phone
Friendly)**



Climate Choir Melbourne: Gas, Risks and Targets

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We Honour the Land

Acknowledgment of Country

Original First Line: Original lyrics
 Tune / Composer: Original Melody / Laura Brearley
 Lyrics: Laura Brearley
 Key / Starting Note: G / G

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Each line is echoed as a response.

We honour the Land that we're living on
 We honour the Country and the Old Ones
 We sing up Country and we sing it up
 strong
 For we are all connected as one
 We are all connected as one

We honour the Ones who have gone be-
 fore
 We honour the wisdom of the ancient lore
 We sing up Country and we sing it up
 strong
 For we are all connected as one
 We are all connected as one

We honour the Earth and the Sea and
 Sun
 We honour the living and the life to come
 We sing up Country and we sing it up
 strong
 For we are all connected as one
 We are all connected as one

Sung Slogans

Key / Starting note: C minor / C

- No more gas, Woodside!
- No new gas, Woodside!
- Climate-wrecking gas, Woodside
- NO to North West Shelf!
- Woodside gas kills coral!

It's Raining, It's Pouring

It's raining, it's pouring
 Albo is snoring
 Got into bed with coal 'n' gas
 And couldn't get up in the morning

Do it Now

Original First Line: Alla mattina appena alzata (In the morning I got up)

Tune / Composer: Bella Ciao / Italian Folk Song

Lyrics: Sing for the Climate / Jeannie Marsh

Key / Starting Note: C min / G

We need to wake up, we need to wise up,
We need to open our eyes and do it now,
now, now.

We need to build a better future
And we need to start right now.

Chorus

*Let's stop the drilling, we don't need it
We want the gas in the ground and
keep it there, there, there!
We need to build a better future
Yes, a future with clean air!*

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.

Chorus

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.

Chorus

Let's go electric, go all electric,
Chuck out petrol cars and gas heaters
and ovens now!

Let's go electric, go all electric,
Wind and solar bring us power!

Chorus

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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And we need to start right now.

Rise Up!

Original First Line: Original Composition
 Tune / Composer: Original Composition / © Dermot Dorgan
 Lyrics: © Dermot Dorgan
 Key / Starting Note:
 C min / C (tenor soloist)
 A min / A (alto soloist)

We have seen the waters rising, we have
 seen the bushfires spread,
 We have felt the heat increasing, and our
 hearts are full of dread
 As we think about the future and the
 tipping points we've crossed,
 And we grieve for what we're losing and
 for what's already lost.
 But still so much remains to save in sea
 and sky and land,
 And we know however bad things get, the
 future's in our hands.

Chorus

*So we'll rise up like the water, we will
 rise up like the flames,
 We will sweep in like a cyclone and
 we'll ride the winds of change,
 And we'll shame our fearful leaders, for
 they've chosen to be blind
 To the signs of the collapse that
 threatens all of humankind.
 So as long as we have voices and as
 long as life remains
 We will rise up like the water, we will
 rise up like the flames.*

We have seen the wasteful subsidies for
 coal and oil and gas,
 We have seen the massive profits that
 these companies amass,
 And we watch in disbelief and see the
 costs of living rise,
 While those who raise their voices to
 protest are demonised,
 But still so much remains to save in sea
 and sky and land,
 And we know however bad things get, the
 future's in our hands.

Chorus

For the Art

Original First Line: We sing for the trees
 Tune / Composer: For the Trees / Laura Brearley
 Lyrics: Jeannie Marsh
 Key / Starting Note: Dm / D

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We sing for the art,
 the Murujuga art.
 We weep from the bottom
 of our heart,
 for ancient art...

For fifty thousand years
 this rock art has survived.
 Now Woodside wrecks it all
 in forty five,
 forty five...

(Coda) Have they grown so old
 Only to fade?
 Have they grown so old to fade
 Before their time?
 (Repeat coda)

Stop The Drilling

Original First Line: Oh my darling
 Tune / Composer: Clementine / Montrose
 Lyrics: Climate Canaries
 Key / Starting Note: D / D

Stop the drilling, Stop the drilling,
 Stop the drilling, Stop the drills
 Shouldn't oughta poison water
 It's an order – Stop the drills

Stop the drilling, Stop the drilling,
 Stop the drilling, Stop the drills
 Don't go harmin' people farmin'
 it's alarmin' – Stop the drills

Stop the drilling, Stop the drilling,
 Stop the drilling, Stop the drills
 Now we're learnin' the Climate's turnin'
 when gas is burnin' – Stop the drills

Solidarity Forever

Original First Line: Say, Brother, Will you meet us (Mine
Eyes Have Seen the Glory, John Brown's Body)
Tune / Composer: Battle Hymn of the Republic (John
Brown's Body) / Anon c1850
Lyrics: Jeannie Marsh, Ralph Chaplin, Solidarity Forever
Key / Starting Note: SATB version - Bb / F; Unison version
- G / D

Now that Trump is over there we could
give up, we could despair.
But we know we must stand up and fight
for truth and all that's fair.
We will work for climate justice and a
world where people care,
For the planet needs us now!

Chorus

*Solidarity forever x3
For the planet needs us now!*

Now our Canberra politicians must rethink
their crazy plan
To continue mining fossil fuels, let
Woodside Gas expand,
To destroy the ancient artwork on the
rocks on sacred land,
PULL THE PLUG AND STOP THIS NOW!

Chorus

When the Rains Fail Us Again

Original First Line: When the Saints
Tune / Composer: When the Saints / African-American
Spiritual
Lyrics: Robert Dawlings, Riff Raff Marching Band, Jeannie
Marsh
Key / Starting Note: C / C

Oh when the rains fail us again,
Oh when the rains fail us again,
Then our irrigation dries up,
Oh when the rains fail us again.

Oh when the rains turn into floods,
Oh when the rains turn into floods,
We are left without a lettuce
Oh when the rains turn into floods.

So let's all switch from fossil fuels,
And boldly grab renewables!
Homes and towns will be all electric!
Wind and solar powers our tools!

We have seen the oceans warming and
the killing of the Reef,
As flood and fire survivors are torn apart
by grief.
Our governments will say they have it
under their control,
When the one thing that they need to say
is "no more gas or coal".
But still so much remains to save in sea
and sky and land,
And we know however bad things get, the
future's in our hands.

Chorus

Sleep, Australia, Sleep

(Shortened version for CCM)

Original First Line: Original Song
Tune / Composer: Sleep, Australia, Sleep / ~~John~~
~~Paul Kelly~~ © 2020 *Paul Kelly*
Lyrics: ~~Paul Kelly~~ © 2020 *Paul Kelly*
Key / Starting Note: Eb / Bb

Sleep Australia, sleep,
As we sow, so shall we reap.
Who rocked the cradle and cry?

Sleep, Australia, sleep,
As off the cliff the kingdoms leap.
Count them as they say goodbye.

Count down the little things, the insects
and birds,
Count down the bigger things, the flocks
and the herds,
Count down our rivers, our pastures and
trees,
But there's no need to hurry,
Oh, sleep now don't worry,
'cause it's only a matter of degrees.

Fog, Australia, fog,
Just like the boiling frog,
As we go we won't feel a thing.
As we go we won't feel a thing

Gas, The Great Polluter

Original First Line: Puff, the magic dragon
Tune / Composer: Puff, the magic dragon / Peter Yarrow
Lyrics: Robert Dawlings
Key / Starting Note: G / G

Chorus

*Gas, the great polluter, gathers
underground
Birds and coral live close by and
dread the drilling sound
Mighty corporations love that
fearsome gas
They bring their drills and deep sea
rigs to help their wealth amass.*

Oceans are in danger, sea life's so
diverse.

Drilling holes for gas filled pipes, it really is
a curse

Stop the gas extraction, save the reef and
fish.

Make sure all politicians are quite clear
about our wish. Oh . . .

Chorus

Why drill for more gas? We do not need
more.

Most of our extracted gas is not burned on
our shore.

C O 2's released along with methane gas.
A heating world and climate change is
what we get, alas! Oh . . .

Chorus

Woodside is a driller sending gas off-
shore

All they want is more and more and more
and more and more.

Scott Reef is in danger, sea life will be
smashed

While miners smile and save on tax and
count their dirty cash. Oh . . .

Chorus

Lullaby in Time of Climate Emergency

Original First Line: Huna blentyn ar fy mynwes
Tune / Composer: Suo Gan / Welsh traditional
Lyrics: John Vernon
Key / Starting Note: C / C

Lovely darling
I will guard you
Keep you safe from
Woe and harm

Slowly, gently
I will rock you
Resting sweetly
On my arm.

*But as you sleep there
I think of your future,
In a world so
Damaged and spoiled.*

I'll try to keep you
Safe from evils
On a planet
Heated and boiled.

Outro
As you sleep there
I will protect you
Storms and heatwaves
Won't harm your rest

Close those eyelids
Little baby
Sleep upon
Your mother's breast.

The Climate is Rapidly Changing

Original First Line: The times they are a-changing
 Tune / Composer: The times they are a-changing /
 Bob Dylan
 Lyrics: Jeannie Marsh and other Climate Change Activists
 Key / Starting Note: G G

Come gather round people, wherever
 you're born,
 And admit that the waters around you
 have warmed.
 The Ref it is bleached, and the fishes
 have gone,
 The ice caps are steadily melting.
 Get ot of your gas fields and come lend a
 hand,
 For the climate is rapidly changing.

Come all politicians, be brave and be
 strong,
 This planet's too precious to sell for a
 song,
 We must act today for we haven't got long
 To address all the problems we're
 causing.
 Stand up for our planet, protect future
 lives,
 For the climate is rapidly changing.

Come all Melbourne households don't fall
 for the trap
 Of bought politicians and fossil fuel crap
 With solar and wind power right here in
 our lap
 Let's lead the world in transition-----
 To renewables powering our jobs and our
 homes
 For the climate is rapidly changing.

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Original First Line: All Things Bright and Beautiful
 Tune / Composer: All Things Bright and Beautiful /
 William Monk
 Lyrics: Stop Adani Melbourne
 Key / Starting Note: G / G

Chorus

*All things bright and beautiful
 All creatures great and small
 All things wise and wonderful
 Our gas will kill them all.*

Each piece of coral thrills us
 With colours bright as day
 Will bleach as white as porcelain
 Too high a price to pay

Chorus

The giant polar icebergs
 Will melt into the sea
 Send ocean levels rising
 Make thousands of us flee

Chorus

The Browse gas field is under
 The heritage Scott Reef.
 Now Woodside wants to drill it
 That's just beyond belief.

Chorus

We all have eyes to see this
 And lips that we might tell
 Should we stay blind and silent
 So drillers can do well?

Chorus

Oh, Climate Crisis, Climate Change (N W Shelf)

Original First Line:

Tune / Composer: Mo Li Hua (Jasmine Flower) / Anon
(Chinese 1700's)

Lyrics: John Vernon / Jeannie Marsh

Key / Starting Note: Bb / D

Oh, climate crisis, climate change
Oh, climate crisis, climate change!
Politicians want cash for power,
Coal and gas drilling more every hour.
Big oil and gas—they don't care, if
Our children's lives are hard and bare.
Climate crisis, climate change.
Oh, climate crisis, climate change
Oh, climate crisis, climate change!

Oh, climate crisis, climate change
Oh, climate crisis, climate change!
Woodside Energy gets its deal,
Floods, droughts, and bushfires
Become much more real.
Sell that gas abroad, or sell it here, the
Climate carnage will appear.
Climate crisis, climate change.
Oh, climate crisis, climate change
Oh, climate crisis, climate change!

Oh Alban-e-e-se-e, what have you done?
Oh Murray Watt, do you see
what you have done?
North West Shelf brings disaster here,
Carbon bomb lasting forty-five years.
Labor promised voters
you'd care for this land, but
Still you let fossil fuels expand.
Climate wreckers, this has got to change.
Oh, climate crisis, climate change
Oh, climate crisis, climate change!

What Shall We Do?

Original First Line: What shall we do with a drunken sailor
Tune (Composer): What shall we do with a drunken sailor
(Traditional Sea Shanty)

Lyrics: Carbon Canaries

Key / Starting Note: A minor / E

What shall we do with the fossil
funders x3
Now there's Climate Carnage

Chorus
Burn gas and up sea rises x3
Now there's Climate Carnage

Wake them up to divest their holdings x3
Now there's Climate Carnage!

Chorus

Haul 'em through the courts for spouting
Greenwash x3
Now there's Climate Carnage!

Chorus

Make 'em pass an exam in climate x3
Now there's Climate Carnage!

Chorus

Tax 'em on ev'ry penny they're making x3
Now there's Climate Carnage!

Chorus

That's what we do with the fossil
funders x3
Take this as a warning!!

"Sleep, Australia, Sleep" - Paul Kelly

Sleep, Australia, sleep
The night is on the creep
Shut out the noise all around
Sleep, Australia, sleep
And dream of counting sheep
Jumping in fields coloured brown

Who'll rock the cradle and cry?
Who'll rock the cradle and cry?
Sleep, Australia, sleep
As off the cliff the kingdoms leap
Count them as they say goodbye

Count down the little things
The insects and birds
Count down the bigger things
The flocks and the herds
Count down our rivers
Our pastures and trees
But there's no need to hurry
Oh, sleep now, don't worry
'Coz it's only a matter of degrees

Fog, Australia, fog
Just like the boiling frog
As we go we won't feel a thing

Who'll rock the cradle and cry?
Who'll rock the cradle and cry?
Sleep, my country, sleep
As off the cliff the kingdoms leap
Count them as they pass on by

Our children might know them
But their children will not
We won't know 'til it's gone
All the glory we've got
But there are more wonders coming
All new kinds of shows
With acid seas rising
To kiss coastal mountains
And big cyclones pounding
And firestorms devouring
And we'll lose track of counting
As the corpses keep mounting
But hey, that's just the way this old world goes

Sleep, my country, sleep
As we sow so shall we reap
Who'll rock the cradle and cry?