

Occupella PDXs Climate Strike Songbook

September 20-27, 2019

Zipper songs

Ain't Gonna Let Nobody

Come and Go With Me

We Shall Not Be Moved

We'll Be Ending Oil Dependence

Other group songs

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Voice of my Great Granddaughter

Don't Mine It

Solo songs with chorus backup

Don't Look Away

Growin' Climate Movement

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Possible songs for bank action and vigil later in the week

Take Me Out of the Big Banks

Pipeline From Hell

Drunken Sailor

This Little Light of Mine

Exxon Lied

AIN'T GONNA LET NOBODY TURN ME AROUND

Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around, turn me around, turn me around,
Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around,
Gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin', gonna build a better world.

1. Climate deniers
2. Big O-il
3. Monsanto
4. No pseudo-science
5. No racism
6. No corporations
7. No lobbyists
8. Mitch McConnell

COME & GO WITH ME TO THAT LAND

Come and go with me to that land (3x) where I'm bound (where I'm bound)
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1. Green New Deal
2. Solar power
3. Wind and thermal
4. There's clean water
5. Healthy soil
6. Good, clean air
7. Honest science
8. Climate justice

WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED

We shall not, we shall not be moved, we shall not, we shall not be moved,
Just like a tree that's standing by the water, we shall not be moved.

1. No more oil dependence, we shall not. . .
2. Oregon says "no fracking"
3. Funding for green jobs
4. Subsidize solar
5. Fossil fuel's a dinosaur
6. Big Oil pay your taxes
7. Green Power to the people

Spanish chorus

No, no, no nos moverán (x2), como un árbol, firme junto al río, no nos moverán

Optional verse/chorus

He who shall be nameless, he shall be removed (2x)
Just like the scum that's floating on the water, he shall be removed.

WE'LL BE ENDING OIL DEPENDENCE

to the tune of She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain

We'll be ending oil dependence when we come (2x)
We'll be ending oil dependence (2x)
We'll be ending oil dependence when we come

2. Saying "no" to fracking
3. Subsidizing solar
4. Funding green jobs
5. Curbing our consumption
6. Riding in the bike lanes
7. Challenging the power

DE COLORES

Traditional, adopted as the anthem of the United Farmworkers

De colores, de colores se visten los campos en la primavera
De colores, de colores son los pajaritos que vienen de afuera
De colores, de colores es el arco iris que vemos lucir
Y por eso los grandes amores de muchos colores me gustan a mí (x2)

Canta el gallo, canta el gallo con el quiri, quiri, quiri, quiri, quiri
La gallina, la gallina con el cara, cara, cara, cara, cara
Los pollitos, Los pollitos con el pío, pío, pío, pío, pí
Y por eso los grandes amores de muchos colores me gustan a mí (x2)

THE VOICE OF MY GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER

by the Peace Poets

People gonna rise like the water
Gonna calm this crisis down
I hear the voice of my great granddaughter
Singing keep it in the ground

DON'T MINE IT

by Occupella

Don't mine it
Don't drill it
Don't put it on a train
Burning fossil fuels is just (clap clap) insane
Transition
With justice
Make polluters pay
If we shut down the war machine
We'd have the wealth (clap clap) today

DO IT NOW

Tune: Bella Ciao, new words by Sing for the Climate

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!

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!

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!

No point in waiting,
Or hesitating,
We must get wise to their lies
And do it now, now, now!
We need to build a better future,
And we need to start right now!

JUST A DINOSAUR

Words by Bonnie Lockhart; chorus to Hard, Ain't It Hard (Woody Guthrie); verse to New River Train, traditional

Chorus

It's hard, ain't it hard, ain't it hard,
Ya can't get easy oil anymore,
It's hard, ain't it hard, ain't it hard, great God!
'Cause fossil fuel is just a dinosaur.

Darlin' you can't drill in the sea, (2x)
If you drill in the sea, just remember BP!
Darlin' you can't drill in the sea.

Darlin' you can't pump the Tar Sands, (2x)
If you pump the Tar Sands you pollute the heartlands,
Darlin' you can't pump the Tar Sands.

Chorus

Darlin' you can't drill the North Slope, (2x)
If you drill the North Slope people rise up and say "Nope!"
Darlin' you can't drill the North Slope.

Darlin' you can't take it from Iraq, (2x)
If you take it from Iraq there is major blow back,
Darlin' you can't take it from Iraq.

Chorus

Darlin' you can't frack natural gas, (2x)
If you frack natural gas, that's a gas we ought to pass!
Darlin' you can't frack natural gas.

Darlin' you can't drill anywhere, (2x)
You can't drill anywhere, there's too much carbon in the air,
Darlin' you can't drill anywhere.

Chorus

DON'T LOOK AWAY

Music and lyrics by Rebecca Stuhlberg

Children in cages, Don't look away, Environmental destruction, Don't look away
The Mueller report, Don't look away
Get him out of office.

Climate denier, Don't look away, Repealing protections, Don't look away
Environmental destruction, Don't look away
Get him out of office.

Bridge

It's just too easy to go about our lives
Business as usual, just another genocide.

Andrew Wheeler, head of EPA, lobbied against environmental regulations
Coal is dirty, Don't look away
Get him out of office.

Repeat bridge

Won't ratify international agreements
Striving to lower carbon emissions
We've had enough, Don't look away
Get him out of office. (x4)

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GROWIN' CLIMATE MOVEMENT

Music: Proud Mary by John Fogerty, Lyrics by Bonnie Lockhart

If you go down | to OMSI
Bet you're gonna find some people who care
People need the power
Got to seize the hour
Washington and Portland and everywhere!

Chorus

Big Oil can't keep burnin', We got the tide a'turnin'
Growin', Growin, Growin' climate movement (x2)

We can make jobs in the city
We don't have to burn those fossil fuels!
There is wealth aplenty
Use it for the many
One percent won't keep on makin' rules

Chorus

We got imagination
We can build up new technology
With a common vision
Make a just transition
Workplaces with real democracy.

Chorus

PUT IT ON THE LABEL

Tune: Do Lord Remember Me, lyrics by Nancy Schimmel

What is this I'm eating? I want to know (3x)
So I won't eat GMO.

Put it on the label, I want to know (3x)
So I won't eat GMO

I won't be your guinea pig, I want to know (3x)
And I won't eat GMO

Gonna make Monsanto tell me, I want to know (3x)
So I won't eat GMO

I got an allergy to ignorance, I want to know (3x)
So I won't eat GMO

Put it on the label, I want to know (3x)
So I won't eat GMO

PIPELINE FROM HELL

Tune: Yellow Rose of Texas, lyrics by Nancy Schimmel & Bonnie Lockhart

The Dakota Access Pipeline is a pipeline straight from hell
And where it meets the river they're bound to have a spill
A lot of Sioux from Standing Rock are standing 'gainst the pipe,
They know the safety promises are just a lot of hype (2x)

It's a company in Texas
That threatens Standing Rock
Kelcy Warren owns it
Or he owns a lot of stock
This Warren gave Republicans
A million and a half
So in every bill in Congress he'll own a paragraph (2x)

You oilmen down in Texas
It's time to get a clue
Your oil thing is over,
Quit belching CO2
The tribes have come to tell you
From Oneida to Lanai
Leave the oil in North Dakota and kiss fossil fuel goodbye (2x)

TAKE ME OUT OF THE BIG BANKS

Lyrics by Betsy Rose and Nancy Schimmel

Take me out of the big banks,
Take me out of their game,
The credit union can have my dough,
I'll cut up my credit cards, pay as I go
And it's root root root for the small banks,
Let's give them our business and thanks,
And it's 1, 2, 3 million more,
And we'll close big banks!

Take me out of the big banks,
Chase/JP Morgan and more
They put our money in pipes for oil
That leak in the water and poison the soil
And it's root, root root for the people
Standing up to their claim,
And it's 1, 2, 3, put them out!
It's a new ball game!

DRUNKEN SAILOR

First verse as recalled by Stephen Zunes, other lyrics by Nancy Schimmel

What shall we do with a drunken sailor? (3x)
Earlie in the morning?
Make him the skipper of the Exxon Valdez (3x)
Earlie in the morning.

Chorus

Way up the carbon rises (3x) Earlie in the morning.

What shall we do with the tar sands crude? (3x)
Earlie in the morning?
Put it on a train that runs through Portland, (3x)
Earlie in the morning.

Chorus

What shall we do with the fracking water (3x)
Earlie in the morning?
Pump it underground and cause an earthquake (3x)
Earlie in the morning.

What shall we do with the toxic coal ash? (3x)
Earlie in the morning?
Dam it up and spill it in the river (3x)
Earlie in the morning.

Chorus

What shall we do with the carbon profits (3x)
Earlie in the morning?
Buy a yacht and a politician (3x)
Earlie in the morning.

Chorus

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

Music by Harry Dixon Loes

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine (3x)

1. Organize to stop the trains, I'm gonna let it shine...
2. Everywhere I go
3. All around our children
4. All around Portland
5. All around Washington
6. All around the whole wide world

Spanish chorus

Esta luz mía, voy a verla brillar/ A brillar (3x)

LEAVE IT IN THE GROUND

by Anna Fritz

Coal, oil, gas
none of these shall pass.
Leave it in the ground
and turn the trains around. X2

Cascadia is a place of great power.
We stand at the mouth of the river,
rooted to the land and its people,
we turn the trains around. X2

Coal, oil, gas
none of these shall pass.
Leave it in the ground
and turn the trains around.

We are a people awakening.
We are a people reclaiming.
We are a people demanding:
turn the trains around! X2

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EXXON LIED

Tune: Skip to My Lou; lyrics by Nancy Schimmel

Exxon lied, what'll we do? (3x)
Throw them into prison!

When did they know what they knew?
Since about 1982
But they kept making CO2,
Throw them into prison!

The scientists in their employ
Told them what they would destroy
But profits rose, and they said "Oh boy!"
Throw them into prison.

It's they who built our funeral pyre,
The temperature keeps going higher
Liar, liar, pants on fire,
Throw them into prison!

They're lower than the lowest slime
Racketeering is a crime,
People, don't you know it's time
To throw them into prison.

Exxon lied, what'll we do? (3x)
Throw them into prison!