

# The Wave 5th December 2009

## 1. Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Round

US Civil Rights Movement, arr. Bernice Johnson Reagon (*start E*)

Ain't gonna let nobody  
turn me round, turn me round, turn me round  
Ain't gonna let nobody turn me round  
I keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin'  
Marchin' up to Freedom Land

*Improvise further verses eg:*

Ain't gonna let no corporations... etc  
...intimidation...  
...no politicians...

## 2. All around my spirit

Kathy Lowe, arr. Caroline Parrott (*Start E*)

1. I will rock my heart till the walls come down,  
(x3)  
All around, all around my spirit (x2)
2. I will love the earth till the walls come down  
(x3)  
All around, all around my spirit (x2)
3. I will speak my truth...
4. I will sing my song...

## 3. One song, One Dance

Words: Cynthia Cockburn; Tune: Mayenziwe, South African (*Start B*)

One song, one dance  
One world, one chance

## 4. Grannies' Bicycle Song

Tune: Daisy, Daisy, Harry Dacre; Words: Raging Grannies (*Start B*)

Daisy, Daisy, bicycling's good for you  
Driving's crazy, cars spew out CO<sub>2</sub>  
We know we should not disparage  
An elegant motorcarriage  
But take a hike, or ride a bike  
The environment will love you!

Don't you wish that we had commuter trains  
Proper bike paths, or at least bicycle lanes?  
Who needs an eight-lane highway?  
Why can't they do it my way?  
We'd clean the air, have dough to spare  
If only we used out brains...

## 5. Bamblela

South Africa (*Start G*)

Bamblela (x4)  
Bamba, bamba, bamba, bamba, bamba – woa  
Bamba, bambalela

Never give up (x4)  
Never, never, never, never, never – woa  
Never, never give up

## 6. Weave and spin

Words & music: Starhawk

Weave and spin, weave and spin  
This is how the work begins  
Mend and heal, mend and heal  
Take the dream and make it real

*Hand by hand, strand over strand  
Thread by thread, we weave our web*

## 7. Stand firm

Cameroon (*start C*)

*Stand, oh stand firm (x3)  
And see what we all can do*

All my sisters, stand very firm...  
All my brothers, stand very firm...  
All you activists, stand very firm...  
Environmentalists, stand very firm...  
*...improvise ad lib*

## 8. Politicians can't you listen?

Words & music: Penny Stone (*Start A*)

Politicians can't you listen –  
Climate change is killing me.  
I'm already having trouble breathin'.  
All the trees are disappearin'  
And there's nowhere left to run.  
Find another way,  
Another way – Not this way.

## 9. We cannot eat money

Words: Native American; Music: Penny Stone (round) (*Start A*)

Only when the last tree has died  
The last river has been poisoned  
And the last fish caught  
Will we realise that we cannot eat money (x2)

## 10. Swedish Bicycle song

Swedish (round)

I like to cycle, my bicycle is blue,  
maybe you've also got a bicycle that's blue.  
If everyone would cycle like me,  
we would have a cleaner earth to live on,  
to live on.

## 11. In a Carbon-Free Society

Tune: Country Gardens, trad., collected by Cecil Sharpe (*Start A*)

Words: Jane Lewis

1. How many types of local fruit and veg?  
In a carbon-free society?  
Here's all the places we can grow our food  
In a carbon-free society  
Apple trees along the street, window boxes full  
of wheat  
Beans in the backgreen, peas in the park  
There's a busy local market full of local food  
In a carbon-free society
2. How many types of transport do we have  
In a carbon-free society  
Here's all the ways that we can get about  
In a carbon-free society  
Bicycles for all to share, public transport  
everywhere  
Car's powered by clean energy  
Oh there's bike paths and bus lanes and  
dancing in the street  
In a carbon-free society
3. How many ways of making energy  
In a carbon-free society  
Here's how we generate our energy  
In a carbon-free society  
Windmills turning on the hill, solar power for  
when it's still  
Geo-thermal heating, hydro schemes,  
Oh we're cosy and warm in our insulated  
homes  
In a carbon-free society

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## 12. Child of the Universe

Theo Simon. (*Start F*)

1. Here's a little history  
Of a bigger mystery,  
I have written this story into my song,  
If it isn't what you're used to  
I hope it will amuse you,  
And maybe if you choose to  
Then you'll sing along  
It goes:

*(Chorus)*

I am as old as the universe,  
I've been here before  
And I'll be here again,  
I am a child of the universe,  
A part of all women  
And a part of all men

2. Once upon a sometime  
And once upon a somewhere,  
And once upon a somehow  
There was a big bang.  
Energy revolving  
And energy dissolving  
And energy evolving  
And that's what I am

*Chorus*

3. I'm a little flower  
That blossoms for an hour  
But in me there's a power  
That goes on and on,  
Power in the roots of me,  
Power in the shoots of me,  
Power in the fruit  
That will pass my seed on

*Chorus*

4. I am not a somebody  
I am not a nobody  
I'm a cell in one body filling all space,  
All I ever could be  
And all I ever should be  
And all I ever will be  
Is here in this place

*Chorus*

## 13. River Chat

John Warner (*Start E*)

*Part 1*

River, river where do you flow  
With your water the colour of tea,  
Golden red in your sandy bed,  
Do you flow to the wide, green sea?

*Part 2*

No, said the river, I flow inland,  
Sink down deep among the rocks and the sand,  
Under the gidgee and the mulga tree,  
Where the desert people can drink me.

*Part 3*

Earth belongs to all  
She belongs to no one  
She belongs to herself.  
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She belongs to no one  
She belongs to herself.

Structure:

Part 1,  
Part 2,  
Parts 1 and 2 together,  
Part 3,  
All parts together x2,  
Part 3 (all sing) x2