

PIH COP26 songsheet Sept-Nov 2021(a)

1. Earth Chant

Theo Simon (in C, Tune starts E³)

Oh round mother earth, bringer into birth,
Sweet creatress of the night and day,
Bring your spirit through, rest our thoughts in you,
Guide our feet in the natural way

2. Stand Firm

Cameroon (in C, Call starts C¹, Echo: Low – C¹/ High – E³)

Stand, oh stand firm, Stand, oh stand firm
Stand, oh stand firm and see what we all can do

Calls:

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

3. Let us Stand

Kate Thomas (In C, starts C¹)

So let us stand as we face the coming storm
For we love this land, let's work for a better dawn,
And let us love like we've never loved before,
Sisters and brothers, all together, let us stand

4. Peace Salaam Shalom

Pat Humphries and Sandy Opatow (In Eb, start G)

Peace, salaam, shalom (x4)

5. Keep on Walking Forward

Pat Humphries (In C, Start C¹)

We're gonna keep on walking forward,
Keep on walking forward,
Keep on walking forward,
Never turning back, never turning back.

We're gonna keep on walking proudly...
We're gonna keep on singing loudly...
We're gonna keep on loving boldly...
We're gonna work for change together...

6. Singing For Our Lives

Holly Near (In Eb, Tune start G³, Low Eb¹, High Bb³)

1. We are a gentle angry people
And we are singing, singing for our lives (x2)
2. We are young and old together...
3. We are gay and straight together...
4. We are a justice seeking people...
3. We are a land of many colours...
4. We are the weavers of new patterns...
5. We are the dreamers of new visions...
6. We are a gentle angry people...

7. If We Lose This Forest

Marie-Lynn Hammond

If we lose this forest, if we ravage this land,
We may as well be cutting off our own right hand,
For we and the earth are one, are one,
Under the moon, under the sun.

8. Step by Step

Tune: The Praties they grow small, Words: from the preamble to the mineworker's union of America. Put together by Pete Seeger (In Cm, starts C³)

Step by step the longest march can be won, can be won.
Many stones to form an arch. Singly none, singly none.
And by union, what we will can be accomplished still.
Drops of water turn a mill. Singly none, singly none.

9. Never Doubt

Words: Margaret Meade; Music: Polly Bolton (In C, starts C¹)

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful
Committed people can change the world,
Indeed — it is the only thing that ever has.

10. We Are the Turning Tide

*Ali Burns, from 'Do Not Carry a Heavy Heart'
(In C, Start G⁵-C¹-E³-G⁵, low to high)*

Part A:

We are the turning tide.

Part B:

All and every one of us and all and every one.

11. Redistribution

Penny Stone (In Bb, starts D³)

I can tell you what we don't need, we don't need more money.
I can tell you what we do need - Redistribution.
I can tell you what we don't need, we don't need more food.
I can tell you what we do need - Redistribution.

12. Bella Ciao

*Trad. Italian Partisan song;
New words as sung by Belgian climate activists (In Dm, Starts A⁵)*

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.

Let's make it greener, let's make it cleaner
Let's 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, take no more lies
and do it NOW, NOW, NOW!
We need to build a better future
And we need to start right now!

13. Another World

Words: based on a quote by Arundhati Roy 'Another world is not only possible, she is on her way. On a quiet day I can hear her breathing.'

Music: Jane Lewis

Another world is not only possible,
She is on her way.
On a quiet day I can hear her breathing,
I can hear her breathing

Low 1:

Can you hear her breathing? (x8)

Low 2:

In and out and in and out and,
In and out and in and out (x2)

High:

Listen, listen to her breathing,
Listen, listen to her breathing (x2)

14. Somos Todes!

Written by musician-activists in Chile, Canada, USA, Scotland & England, in support of the community of Putaendo as they resist Canadian mining company Los Andes Copper. Somos Todas/os/es all mean 'We Are All'

Somos la tierra, we are the earth,
Somos el agua, we are the water,
Somos el aire, we are the air,
Somos el fuego, we will rise.
Somos Todas, Somos Todos, Somos Todes. (x2)

15. Hackney Street Chant

From Street Music Festival 1991 (In C, 1 start \underline{G}^5 , 2 start C^1 , 3 start C^1)

Part 1:

Fill the street with our voices, let them know where the noise is.
Singing of struggles for freedom, music joins us as one.

Part 2: (xx) We fill the streets, (xx) let them hear our voice,
(xx) Freedom will come, (xx) let them hear our song.

Part 3: Fill the streets with our music and voices,
Fill the streets with the strength of our song.

16. Lead with Love

Melanie DeMore (In C, start C^1)

**We gotta put one foot in front of the other
And lead with love,
Put one foot in front of the other
And lead with love.**

Don't give up hope // You're not alone //
Don't you give up // Keep movin' on. //

Lift up your eyes // Don't you despair //
Look up ahead // The path is there //

I know you're scared // And I'm scared too //
But here I am // Right next to you //

17. Leave the Oil in the Ground

Tune: 17th century melody arr. Kate Howard;

Words: Original words: Gerard Winstanley. New words: Jane Lewis

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 carbon in the air
Leave the oil in the ground.

Leave the gas beneath the sea, sing out now, sing out now,
Leave the gas beneath the sea, sing out now.
This is an emergency, limit change to one point five,
The earth's our treasury, so leave a hopeful legacy,
Leave the gas beneath the sea.

Leave the coal in the seam, sing out now, sing out now,
Leave the coal in the seam, sing out now.
Let us turn our planet green, making energy that's clean
Sun and wind and tidal schemes, come let's realise 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 maintain, profiteering we disdain,
Shameless companies we name, public ownership we claim,
Leave the oil in the ground.

18. The Freedom Come-all-ye

*Words: Hamish Henderson; tune: Bloody Fields of Flanders
(In Bb, Starts F⁵)*

Roch the wind in the clear day's dawin
Blaws the clouds heelster-gowdie ower the bay
But there's mair nor a roch wind blawin
Through the great glen o' the warld the day.
It's a thocht that will gar oor rottans
A' they rogues that gang gallus, fresh and gay
Tak the road, and seek ither loanins
For their ill ploys, tae sport and play.

Nae mair will the bonnie callants
Mairch tae war when oor braggarts crouselly craw
Nor wee weans frae pit-heid and clachan
Mourn the ships sailing doon the Broomielaw,
Broken faimlies in lands we've herriet
Will curse Scotland the Brave nae mair, nae mair;
Black and white, ane til ither mairriet,
Mak the vile barracks o' their maisters bare.

So come a' ye at hame wi' Freedom,
Niver heid whit the hoodies croak for doom.
In your hoose a' the bairns o' Adam
Can find breid, barley-bree and painted room.
When Maclean meets wi's freens in Springburn,
A' thae roses and geens will turn tae bloom,
And a black lad frae yont Nyanga
Dings the fell gallows o' the burghers doon.