

80 EcoSongs
by Gaia Dance

a secular-spiritual mix to restore the Earth to our hearts

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5 EcoClassics

1 EcoQuest

to the tune of 'Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring' (omitting bars 36 - 56)

by J. S. Bach

In the gold of the sun let us
run to the heights where the warmth of its
rays touch the skin and the air is so
fresh we are glad we were born to this
day. And the way life beats on our hearts.
Starts a drum-roll so we flow with great
rhythms of life. Vow now to join with
bees' hum, lark's high call, whale's deep song to
Mend Life's Web Once and For All.

Where there's hope, love and trust. A green
faith we will gain a world art to come
close to the heart of Earth's blessed life.
And talk and share in her care. Tend her
needs so the tale of the Earth is one
told to the young with such pride for the
part we have played in her health through wave
upon wave of our love for the moon,
stars and sun. And the land, seas and skies.
And the soil, bees and trees and the hills.
And the birds and the fish and the streams
and the clouds and the rain and the wind
Thanks For The Sweet Air We Breathe.

In the cool of the night we take
flight so we soar to the stars where there's
hope for the grace that this time we will
attune to the place the brave child lives
on. So the dreams we once knew fire our
hearts. Into seeing this good Earth as
home of great deeds and bright minds lit by
stars. Claim the ones good for you to give
all life a place in your soul. In the
style of the sun, let us reach out to
the best we can be so our lives shine
out from Earth's face all the time. Let us
meld in the weave so we heal and are
whole. See whole and can heal as we reach
out to grow. Our roots deep and life long
in a song without end. Life's great quest
to break free from the past is the one
to live out for it brings us our wings
as a gift of pure joy. A sky kiss,
a found bliss, a go-out and come-in,
a free mind crowned with peace, play, and praise.
To help us all sing in that voice we
long to declaim as both Earth's and our own.

2 We the People

(based on the tune of The Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves from Nabucco)

We the people - Earth's riches gifted to us
We create our own lives and those of others.
Should we change now? Become Earth-life's carers,
sign our names to her rights and her trust.

Is it true? Is it our own destiny
to sell our beautiful Earth into slavery?
Not able to express her life freely,
and, through nature, her great harmony.

Every sense calls out loud for hearts of mercy.
Every creature alive sends us a plea.
Minds, they speak once again in unity
to re-see Earth's glory – Great Mystery.

It is too much to ask anybody
they devote their whole life to this journey?
Touch the love now – our greatest humanity.
See Earth's future a place of sanctity.

To restore Earth. Her life our destiny.
To restore Earth. Her life our destiny.
Her life our destiny.

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3 Our Earth needs your love

(to the tune of Ave Maria by Franz Schubert)

Our Earth needs your love.
Gratitude forever.
Our Earth gives us her love beyond all measure.
Our Earth deserves a love as pure.
Our Earth, life's greatest treasure,
Life's greatest treasure.

It's true love lies long in every blessing,
From hearts' own deep wellsprings,
Its energy-spirit telling,
telling of nature's harming...
Our Earth needs your love.

Our Earth needs your love.
Voices of our era
Come where there's harmony with each other.
Come where hearts and minds are freer.
Blessing Earth as mother, gaia and lover.
As mother, gaia, lover.

The Earth speaks in ways that are not our own.
Yet still she gives us this home.
Each day the chance to speak up. Not disown,
disown the truth. Something so well known.
Our Earth needs your love.

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4 The Cradle of Earth

(to the tune of Wiegenlied, Brahms Cradle Song)

At the start of your life
with the world fresh and new.
To keep it so wonderful
the greatest thing you can do.

Sweet young child, at the start
of your whole life's story.
It is love helps us grow
to fulfil all our dreams.

Our dear Earth, where we live
is the home of so many.
It gives us all we can ask
to grow happy, well and strong.

See through eyes of great love
for the Cradle of Earth.
Let her ways be your guide
for your whole lifelong.

Sleep in dreams of your life
as you chase each star so bright.
Grow in spirit, joy and love
for who you will become.

As you play every day
in some make believe land
Know that love lights your path
every step of the way.

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5 Knights of Old

(New World Symphony: Dvorak)

Knights of old favoured quests
where they strived and served.

We today can reclaim
that model ourselves.

Restore Earth, her nature.
Question those you meet.
Do they care? Do they serve
Grail Quests of their own?

Do they love from their hearts,
Earth's magnificence?
Knights of old favoured quests
serving everyone.
Serving everyone.
Serving everyone.

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Can we dream? Can we see?
See life great as this?
Can we shine, like the sun,
like we've just begun?

To believe Earth comes first.
Lifelong is our quest.
Claim your right. Claim Earth's rights,
We belong to Earth.

Who, like me, serves the Earth
every night and day.
Who, like me, serves the Earth,
Come what may.
Come what may.
Come what may.

(n.b. 'Come' held over 3 notes.)

30 EcoSongs & EcoAnthems

1 The Dream is Ours

(to the tune of Auld Lang Syne)

My heart, it follows every trail
that leads us to the Dream.
A peaceful world with caring folk.
Humanity set free.

It does not matter who you are
or where you're coming from.
But what you love and what you want
Attuned to your heartsong.

The Earth, the Moon, the Sun and stars
show us the shape of love.
We wax and wane, grow bright again
Come full into the world.

The flowers and trees, mountains and seas,
the changing face of life.
Reflect its beauty, growth and flow
in every heart and eye.

For all on Earth to feel this way,
for all on Earth to care.
Connect to every life-form on
this planet we all share.

So what you love and what you want
will surely change and grow.
A love-filled heart will hold it all.
The Dream is Ours to own.

2: Great is the Joy (to the tune of the Skye Boat Song)

Great is the joy in things that I love,
Mountain and sea and sky.
Raising my spirits to wildness above.
Energies strong and high.
Summit and track,
valley and mist,
beauty captures our gaze.
Snow on the peaks,
dazzles, sun-kissed.
Crown to all nature's ways.

Grand are the creatures who live in the wild.
Animal, fish or bird.
Land of their birth and home to each one,
Feathered or scaled or furred.
Loud raven calls,
Loud the stags roar,
Waterfalls salmon leaps.
Lizard, he crawls,
High eagle soars
Hare, so silent, she flees.

Wild is my heart from loving the hills,
river and rock and glen.
Beauty so grand it lives in me still,
heather and loch and ben
Rulers may come,
rulers will go.
Nature's reclaiming reigns.
Rhythms of life
seeded and grow.
Wilderness claims my soul.

Great is the joy in things that I love.
Mountain and sea and sky.
Beauty so rich it makes my heart sing,
Teaching my spirit flight.
Nothing on Earth,
nothing man-made
gives me such hope it seems.
This is the truth,
never to fade,
home to all future dreams.

Great is the joy in things that I love,
Mountain and sea and sky.
They live in me as I do in them,
ever my awesome guide.

3 The Dreams of My Childhood (to the tune of Black Velvet Band)

I wandered the dreams of my childhood
to see what was still growing there.
A hope, a promise, the future to serve.
Intentions to love and to care.
The sky is studded with diamonds.
The Earth is brimful of stars.
Each one a hero waiting its chance
to live out that magical art.

Totems of life that we live by
seem open to ecstasy's door
But a pair of eyes can bind you
to a life of heartache for sure.
Mountains I climb are my challenge.
Seas span the greatest divides.
Rivers in space roll on in a flow
So deep in my heart they reside.

The future it calls and we answer
with words we dredge up from the past.
The music of love knows no boundaries,
The game we are playing so vast.
To learn the language of nature
and speak in its rhythms and tongue
Tune into life's great mystery,
the best songs that ever were sung.

When ice invades your own heart space
Transform its essence and turn
Till it shines in the sun and dazzles your mind
with the greatest of dreams ever born.
Wherever you roam on your travels,
wherever your footsteps they land,
remember life's secrets are learned by
turning to nature first hand.

The sky is studded with diamonds.
The Earth is brimful of stars.
You're one of them now, its power to own
In company with all modern bards.
So wander the dreams of your childhood
to find what is still growing there.
With the flare of passion to guide you
to all that is worthwhile and fair.

4 Oh Planet Earth **(to the tune of the Londonderry Air)**

Oh Planet Earth, the gifts, the gifts you're giving
from year to year and through our whole lifelong
The debt we owe to you is beyond paying
It's you, it's you, the heart of every song.

I know no way to thank you that is good enough
Or any act of mine that can assure
Our human need to love leads us to gratitude
for Planet Earth. Our love's rebirth, my heart's desire.

But should we choose to turn away and disown
our very first relationship so grand.
Then Earth will give no lasting peace to anyone.
The laws of life so sacredly entwined.

Oh Planet Earth, the time, the time is coming
when all who love will see you as you are.
A living miracle so rich its making
Inviting all on Earth to be one of her stars.

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5 Earth's Anthem **(to the tune of God save the Queen)**

One heart, one living Earth,
One mind, one chance at birth
Crown the Earth first.

Spirit, humility,
Compassion, harmony,
Love in equality,
Crown Earth first.

Hope is a shining star
we follow from afar
fed by its heart.

Vision humanity
claiming its destiny.
Peaceful, in unity,
Crown Earth first.

Infinite gratitude
for life on Earth renewed
flows in our blood.

All that we need to do
to make this dream come true
One heart, one mind in tune,
Crown Earth first.

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6 The Great Love **(to the tune of He's Got The Whole World in His Hands)**

We've got the seas and the rivers in our hands,
We've got the air and the forests and all lands,
We've got the birds and the bees. Understand
We've got Earth's life in our hands.

We've got animals' future in our hands,
We've got animals' future in our hands.
We've got species survival in our hands,
We've got Earth's life in our hands.

We've got infinite love on our side,
Waiting to embrace the whole world wide.
No need to turn away or to hide
with such a great love on our side.

So find the great love in your heart.
It's the very best place you can start.
To see the whole Earth a work of art
and let your great love play its part!

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7 Green Leaves (to the tune of Greensleeves)

The sanctity of all land and sea
has lived in me since time began.
A secret lover's destiny
Your beauty keeps my heart entranced.

Chorus

*Green leaves are my delight
Green leaves, they turn to gold.
Green leaves give my heart its joy.
A mantle of living green leaves.*

She lifts my eyes to hills and sky.
She bids me bathe in sun and sea.
With her I walk both day and night
and never leave her company

Chorus

She holds my gaze in summer green
reflected far in mountain lake.
And every creature she has born
is wedded to her beauteous form.

Chorus

Creates the air so we can breathe.
Stripped of leaves, your naked form.
Yes, I'm a guru of your ways
Loving your wide and wildest shores.

Chorus

8 Global Anthem
(to the tune of Land of hope and glory
Edward Elgar 1857 -1934)

Lands of hope we live in.
Seas of glory wide.
Wholeness reigns before us
in every star and eye.

Images of nature
speak in their own tongue.
Heart-language their essence,
love songs richly sung.

Peace led by compassion.
Hearts led by earth-love.
What a powerful duo
for us all to serve.

Sun and Earth between them
give us life each day.
Great energy their gift.
Nature's great guideway.

Earth is our great story.
Epic of all time.
Parts we play determine
future of mankind.

Knowledge is our ally.
History is our friend.
Helping us to become
global citizens.

9: Precious Planet (to the tune of Bread of Heaven)

Between nature and my own heart
is the place I love to roam.
It renews my sense of wonder
at our shared miracle home.
Precious planet, precious planet,
Every breath I take is yours.
Every breath I take is yours.

Flower, tree, river, or mountain
gently show me ways so grand.
Walking with my senses open
inspires me to love this land.
Precious planet, precious planet,
Every breath I take is yours.
Every breath I take is yours.

Gratitude the greatest feeling
for all that Earth gives for free.
Nature's strength and power my freedom.
Her champion I'll ever be.
Precious planet, precious planet,
We are guardians of your life.
We are guardians of your life.

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10: Honour the Earth

*(to the tune of Land of My Fathers
Traditional Song of Wales)*

In the peace of the world my heart gently finds rest
to change and to grow and to love and to heal.

I ask when it'll happen.

I ask when it'll come?

When we choose to honour the Earth.

Earth! Earth!

You sustain all of our lives.

For the future, for the now,

for the children not yet born.

Will they learn to honour the Earth?

Earth! Earth!

You sustain all of our lives.

For the future, for the now.

For the children not yet born,

Learning how to honour the Earth.

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11: Earth's Warriors

(to the tune of The Scottish soldier)

We love Earth's warriors, who champion all life
They touch our hearts and minds; their deeds so brave and kind
There are none greater, or higher rated
These guardians of our seas the whole worldwide.
Every bird that sings, every creature brings
nearer our kinship-ties, embracing earth and sky.
So it is heart-felt; a part of our health
Miracles of the universe.

Chorus:

*Because our dear Earth is our home from home
Where 'ere we roam, one and only home.
And to forget her only hurts our hearts
More than we can ever know.*

We love Earth's guardians. They are the great ones.
Protecting you and me. Those creatures wild and free.
The planet's healing, to us revealing
We long to live our lives as heroes too.
We see the glory of nature's beauty
brightest energy, prompting synergy
To help us celebrate, and with gratitude
Miracles of the universe.

Chorus:

We love Earth's healers. Compassion's dreamers
who live the Beauty Way. Honour the right to say
'Respect all life-forms. Find the great love-zone
Heart-space where our Earth's sun shines long and strong.'
So see the story of life's deep glory
Every battlefield, inner and outer yields
to love's great calling, and peace restoring
Miracles of the universe.

Chorus:

12: Love Earth too

(to the tune of the Beatles' Love Me Do)

Love, love Earth too.
You know Earth loves you.
There's nothing more true.
So please, love Earth too.
Yeah, love Earth too.

You know it's true,
Earth sees us through,
whatever we do.
So please, love Earth too.
Yeah, love Earth too.

One Earth to love,
See her anew.
Spaceship of love,
Planet so blue.

Earth's there on cue.
We all are her crew.
There's nothing more true.
So please, love Earth too.
Yeah, love Earth too.

Love, love Earth too.
You know Earth loves you.
There's nothing more true.
So please, love Earth too.
Yeah, love Earth too.

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13: Wild Mountain Times

(to the tune of Wild Mountain Thyme)

We will build our dreams much higher
where our hearts go sweetly roaming.

Where those wild mountain times
fill our days and nights with showing

Will we learn, ever learn?

So we all learn together.

Treasure wild mountain times

Or those walks by loch and river.

Will we learn, ever learn?

If it's sunrise on a hilltop
or the heat of day her power.

It's those wild mountain times
that gives my spirit succour.

Will we learn, ever learn?

So we all learn together.

Treasure wild mountain times

or those walks by loch and river.

Will we learn, ever learn?

Heart of living, heart of loving
Every heart of freedom singing
of those wild mountain times
their joys and challenge bringing

Will we learn, ever learn?

To say thank you to nature.

Treasure wild mountain times

Or those walks by loch and river.

Will we learn, ever learn?

With Earth's beauty the inspirer,
raising awe when first we see her.

It's those wild mountain times
will live in me forever.

We can learn, really learn.

Nature is our greatest healer.

Treasure wild mountain times

or those walks by loch and river.

When we learn, really learn.

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14: The Dance of Life

(to the tune of the Irish folk song The Spinning Wheel)

Dolphins, so joyous, are leaping and spinning
Clear of the ocean. So clearly revealing
Our Dance of Life from the water beginning
While whales, from the deep, in their own tongue, are singing.

Chorus:

*Rhythmically, gloriously, wondrously stirring
Wheel of life, full of life, constantly turning
Deeper and richer and higher the yearning
Hearts, in the fire of such great love are learning*

All night, in moonlight, the forest is whisp'ring
The whole of the Earth, in this moment, is list'ning
Nature's sweet sounds, in great harmonies meeting
Birds, in their singing, the new dawn are greeting.

Chorus:

Sunrise, the herald of a new awak'ning
All feel its power. Of life in the making
Our love of Earth has no limits to growing
Web of life weaving. Its bright visions showing.

Chorus:

15 Shangri-La

(to the tune of Old Man River)

Shangri-La,
our Shangri-La,
we're slow in making,
chances forsaking.
We just keep hoping
the dream will happen along.

The Earth unites us.
The Earth invites us
with ways of being to guide our seeing.
Reach Shangri-La,
The dream to make us all one.

You and me, we are the same.
Loving and hating, the oldest game.
Money gods. Power mad.
It's our sep'rate hearts turn us humans bad.

Earthly heaven we could be living,
she fills my dreaming to go on scheming
for Shangri-La.
The dream to make us all one.

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16 Sun on Water

(to the tune of Loch Lomond)

When gone is the light in the darkness of night
choose the quest and the gift: Life's great calling.
Where we can resolve the hurts and all the pain
on the bonnie Beauty Way to live all life.

Chorus:

*For all life on Earth there's a star in the sky
shines bright as great visions of people.
Surrounded by stars whose reflections we see
in that bonnie bonnie dance: Sun on Water.*

So dance in the path of the sun and you'll find
Your own self shines bright in that gold light.
All hearts reaching out to this new day with hope
On that bonnie Beauty Way to live all life.

Chorus: as above

Sure sun lights your heart as it does with the moon
waxing full; a blaze and a splendour.
And sun, moon and Earth, they circle in a dance
in that spinning global way to see all life.

Chorus: as above

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17 Singing the Songlines

(to the tune of *Waltzing Matilda*

by Christina MacPherson 1884 - 1936 and Banjo Paterson 1864 - 1941)

Once our tribes of people camped lifelong in wilderness.
Nature their guide, every night, every day.
Through those First People's hearts, connected to all life on Earth,
sing every tune in your own special way.

Chorus:

*Dancing the dreamtime; singing the songlines.
Break into song like a wave on the sand.
For the place of our birth, it's still right here on dear old Earth.
Bringing the joy back to loving the land.*

Now our tribes of people live and move so boxed away.
House, office, car; twenty four hours a day.
We build walls round our minds and disconnect from life on Earth,
Break out in song in your own special way.

Chorus:

*Dancing the dreamtime; singing the songlines.
Break into song like a bird finds its wings.
For the place of our birth, it's still right here on dear old Earth.
Bringing the joy back the moment we sing.*

When our tribes of people connect to both land and sea
Their hearts are changed and their spirit grows strong.
Through those First People's ways, connected to all life on Earth,
dance every dream from the heart of your song.

Chorus:

*Dancing the dreamtime; singing the songlines.
Break into song like a bird flying high.
For the place of our birth, it's still right here on dear old Earth.
Bringing the joy back to land, sea and sky.*

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18 It's a great, great way, to love the planet

*(to the tune of It's a long, long way to Tipperary
by Jack Judge 1872 - 1938)*

It's a great way to love the planet,
It's a great way to be.
It's a great way to love the planet
it's the home of you and me.
Goodwill to embrace us.
To fare well all our days.
It's a great great way to love the planet
ma très bonne amie!

Up to mighty visions came our populace one day.
As the streets were all so sad, the skies were dark and grey.
Singing songs of nationalism, hate and battle cries!
Till someone said 'Stop this now! We've a world to unify!'

It's a great way to love the planet.
It's a great way to be.
It's a great way to love the planet.
Only try and you will see!
Goodwill to unite us
to fairer futures' care.
It's a great, great way to love the planet
And my heart's right there!

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19 Sun Gold

*(to the tune of 'When you were Sweet Sixteen'
by James Thornton 1861 - 1938)*

When first I saw the sun rise o'er the sea
Its path of gold long held me in its thrall.
The greatest love that we will ever know
Shows richness of the Earth as free for all.

Chorus:

*I love Earth as the sun herself must do.
She never is a day out of her sight.
And though the two are far apart - it's true,
my heart burns bright with Sun Gold. And I am full,
full of that lovely light.*

When next you feel the sun rise in your heart
start shining as you've never shone before.
Through visions of the world in cloud and rain
Your passion, it is sourced in sun's own lore.

Chorus:

*I love Earth as the sun herself must do.
She gives us life. Far more than just enough.
If only human love that way, it grew.
My heart burns bright with Sun Gold. And I am full,
full of that boundless love.*

20 Songs of the Earth

(to the tune of 'Scarborough Fair')

Do you listen to Songs of the Earth?
Skylark, whale, rare natural sounds.
Each one attuned to rhythms of life
Wild notes of joy in ecstasy found.

Caught by sealsong in ecstasy's dawn,
I chose then to follow their lead.
Remembered tunes of whales passed down.
The ocean's cry my own soul it feeds.

Can you tune in to Songs of the Earth?
Howling wolf or lark's ascent.
Recall we too have animal blood.
Flow with that great enlightenment.

Are you singing new songs to the Earth?
So your love leaps every divide?
Revealing truth in your naked hearts...
We are all one. Let this be your guide.

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21 Doin' this 'n that

(based on the tune of Ilkla Moor Bah'AT)

What are the reasons we're all here?
On Earth doin' this 'n that.
What are the reasons we're all here?
What are the reasons we're all here?
On Earth doin' this 'n that.
On Earth doin' this 'n that.
On Earth doin' this 'n that.

So we can do just what we want.
On Earth doin' this 'n that.
So we can do just what we want.
So we can do just what we want.
To further peace or war.
To do it as before.
On Earth doin' this 'n that.

So we can find a better way
On Earth doin' this 'n that
So we can stop arsin' ab'at
So we can stop arsin' ab'at
Ego's become eco's.
to grow and to evolve,
Our problems really solve.

Then we will learn to live as one.
When doin' this 'n that.
Then we will stop doin' it wrong.
Then we will stop doin' it wrong
Know Earth as Number One,
Know Earth as Number One,
Sing out our greatest song.

Then we will learn from nature's ways
The best teacher of all.
Then we will learn from nature's ways
Then we will learn from nature's ways
To grow and to evolve,
Our problems really solve
When nature leads the way.

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22 The Growing Song

(to the tune of The Eton Boating Song)

Jolly growing weather
and a day sure to please.
Sun on the flowers,
bees on the breeze.
Grow, grow, together
and keep doing the best you can.
Grow, grow, together
and take care of our precious land.

From now on we will never
mis-use our lovely Earth.
And we'll strive forever.
Reclaim its health and growth.
By choosing to work with nature,
recycle, re-see, rebirth.
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recycle, re-see, rebirth.

Lovely living gaia,
sun-circling in her space.
Dance round the fire,
clouds in your face.
Sing, sing together
and invite the whole human race.
Sing, sing, together,
till we unite the human race.

Apply to join Earth's choir,
Along with birds and whales.
Voices raised much higher
in love, and strength and grace.
And nothing in life shall sever
the Web of Life we embrace.
And nothing in life shall sever
The Web of Life we embrace.

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23 Earth's our friend

(to the tune of La Marseillaise)

We know the Earth is not our enemy.
In truth, she is our greatest friend.
It is no surprise that we need her
To support our lives every day.

Her free gifts are the source from our birth.
The Earth is whole. Live in its oneness.
Break free from conflict and hate.
So all are real winners on Earth.
Choose to be ruled by peace, not war.

We sing. We act. We pray.
We know we have to change.
Speak up! Speak up!
Great is our quest
for Earth to be our friend.

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24 Only Now

(to the tune of My love is Like a Red, Red Rose by Robbie Burns)

Only now have I found how to love
everything our Earth gives me.
And it is now that matters most of all
for the great eons to be.

We have the choice on every day
to right our past mistakes.
And to love the Earth for all our lives
And for the whole world's sake.

Only now have I found how to love
everything our Earth gives me.
And it is now that matters most of all
in the great eons to be.

When we dare to own a love so vast
we will win life's greatest quest.
Tune in to every part of her
till our whole dear Earth is blest.

To love nature in all her ways
Tree, sea, mountain, bird, sky.
Is to own the very heart of life
and hear our own soul's cry.

Only now have I found how to love
everything our Earth gives me.
And it is now that matters most of all
for the great eons to be.

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25 Gifts

(to the tune of Aura Lea by George R. Poulton)

Gift of body, gift of mind,
free gifts from the start.
If I choose to see this way
love comes to my heart.

All as gifts, all as love,
free for us to share.
Wrapped in auras of great love
with people everywhere.

Gifts of challenge, gifts of grace.
Every day is new.
Gift of creatures, plants and trees
echo our lives too.

Gifts I give, gifts I share.
May I touch this bliss.
Bless the very source of them
embracing all that is.

Gifts of water, gifts of air,
Land, sea, shore, star, sky.
Gifts of sunshine, gifts of rain.
Heal my heart and mind.

May I grow, as they do,
in my life on Earth.
Wrapped in auras of great love
as part of Nature's birth.

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26 My heart it grows earth-sized

(to the tune of 'For these are my mountains')

I once gave no thought to the Earth as my home.
So I took it for granted and even disowned
caring for the future, what would befall,
those following after. Those children adored.

Chorus:

*Now there is no question in anyone's mind
of what must be valued for all life to shine.
My song is the same one, wherever I stay.
My heart it grows earth-sized, with each passing day.*

I've wandered the Earth now, for many a year.
But not sure what I wanted. Or what to hold dear.
Yet now it is so clear. The truth shining bright.
When love is the guide-way. The world is put right.

Chorus:

*Now there is no question in anyone's mind
of what must be valued for all life to shine.
My song is the same one, wherever I stay.
My heart it grows earth-sized, with each passing day.*

The Earth, it is speaking. Our senses are tuned.
For, reflected in our lives, Earth's patterns are learned.
Our fates are entwined now, so there is no choice.
To love our shared home and to speak with one voice.

Chorus:

*Now there is no question in anyone's mind
of what must be valued for all life to shine.
My spirit grows sun-sized, beginning each day.
My song is a new one, star-guided always.*

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27 Earth's Dream Song

(to the tune of 'Ae Fond Kiss' by Robbie Burns)

True love leads the heart's endeavour.
Brightest light shining forever.
Long as life and blood are flowing.
Long as hearts their dreams are growing

Earth's Dream Song my soul is singing.
As it has from the beginning.
Diverse songs of mood and moment.
Journeys into sweet at-one-ment.

Every natural sound declaiming.
Waves, water and winds are reigning.
Haunting cries from whales and dolphins.
They who want us all to be kin.

Earth's Dream Songs I'm slowly learning.
Ev'ry day, old bound'ries breaking.
Diverse beauty. Earth's own being.
Wee blue dot. Planet, when leaving.

Circling in the Dance of Gaia.
We can tune to her desire.
Birthplace - Universe's wonder.
Who would defile, hurt or harm her?

Listen when your heart's wide open.
Listen when your life is broken.
Nature never ceases calling.
I have songs to bring you healing.

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28 The place of trust

(to the tune of 'O Waly Waly': English traditional melody)

Our Earth spins slow so we've the time
to find what matters most to us.
Give me a heart that loves all life.
And I shall know the place of trust.

The Earth stands still when we're in love.
Tuned into the whole universe.
That's how it feels. That's how I know
the power of love to help us grow.

Don't fall in love. Ascend to it.
Flow with the power it freely gives.
No greater gift the whole life through.
What love's great work's destined to do.

Our Earth spins slow so we've the time
to find what matters most to us.
Give me a heart that loves all life.
And I shall know the place of trust.

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29: The Long Game

(Men of Harlech: Welsh traditional)

Be as Earth: whole in your seeing.
Trust our planet's way of being.
As prime guide in all our doings.
Nature leads the way.

No better model will we find.
Though we search all of our lifetime.
History shows the greatest designs
Are found on our Earth.

Chorus:

*Play, with us, the long game.
Awesome Earth to sustain.
Hear the cries of all who live
on her wild diverse domain.
Nothing greater ever faced us.
Part of Earth, our human status.
Know ourselves as great creators
in life's longest game.*

Made of Earth, bodies flesh and blood.
We too rose from primeval mud.
Food we eat, veg, fruit, nuts and spuds.
all come from the Earth.

Part of Earth, growth of her lifeforms.
Seed to tree. Birds from dinosaurs.
Mice indoors. Mycelium outdoors.
Our Earth's Web of Life.

Chorus: as above.

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30: All through our lives

(All through the night: Old Welsh folk song)

Each moment, a chance for shining,
just like sunlight.
Clouds can help. In their reminding
to seek the light.
In the darkness we're affirming
Distant light is our star burning
Brighter visions gently gleaming
All through our lives.

Speak to all of other ways to
be and survive.
We've the knowledge, hidden, but true
so all can thrive.
Re-align with life's great purpose.
Serve the Earth the way it serves us.
Open-hearted love, spiritous,
All through our lives.

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24 EcoCarols

1 Seeds of Peace

*to the tune of 'O Little Town of Bethlehem'
English traditional carol*

An age-old dream of Peace we seek
within our restless hearts.
Elusive as the quested Grail
Invoke this ancient art.
The seeds of Peace we're planting
in every place we go.
Their touch will heal a war-torn world
Our task to help them grow.

Our very thoughts are seeding life,
the future we all share.
It matters what we tell ourselves
In high hope and despair.
The brightest star-seed rising
invites us all to care.
Show'ring a trillion seeds of Peace
on people everywhere.

The miracle is life itself.
It cannot be denied.
Yet somehow in the darkness still
We lose this greatest guide.
To tend and love your garden
Plant lots of seeds of Peace.
Our greater story will unfold,
a future yet to be.

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2 Northern Lights

To the tune of 'Silent Night' by Franz Grüber.

Original words by Joseph Mohr.

Northern Lights. Aurora bright.
Here we stand. Wait for night.
Soon those colours go on a roll
flickering now at Earth's poles
in a light embrace.
Inner light embrace.

Northern Lights. Aurora bright.
Awesome love. At its height.
Streams of energy born of our star
Rainbow colours play in my heart
Live its colour and flow
Love its colour and flow.

Northern Lights. Aurora bright.
Kiss of sun. Waves unite.
Soft-hued blues, greens, yellows entwine,
Circle and swirl; sky-pointing, sublime.
Fire-Dance of Sun with Earth
Fire-Dance of Star with Earth.

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3 Give us the the freedom

to the tune of 'O come, all ye faithful'

Original tune by John Francis Wade

Give us the freedom
first to love our planet
Care for its creatures and champion their lives.
Vision a future bright as the sunrise.
*In thoughts rooted in wholeness,
in lives inspired by wholeness,
in deeds enacting wholeness,
One with Earth.*

O, what will unite us?
Cultures, creeds and colours.
Love speaks. In love, see ways to grow.
Image your life as a star's reflection -
*In thoughts rooted in wholeness,
in lives inspired by wholeness,
in deeds enacting wholeness,
One with Earth.*

Sing, in your heart of
love beyond all measure.
Create a NatureNet embracing all.
Interconnected as all life on Earth -
*In thoughts rooted in wholeness,
in lives inspired by wholeness,
in deeds enacting wholeness,
One with Earth.*

Beat, heart with courage
sourced in love and oneness.
Beat to a harmony big as the Earth.
Nothing is stronger, or holds greater power -
*In thoughts rooted in wholeness,
in lives inspired by wholeness,
in deeds enacting wholeness,
One with Earth.*

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4 When looking at the Earth

to the tune of 'While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks'

Original tune from Este's Psalter, sixteenth century

When looking at the Earth we share -
Planet Miraculous,
Diversity in everything.
Diversity in us.

In fractal patterns we discern
creation's mimicry.
A mackerel sky reflects the fish
across all boundaries.

Arch-model and great secret too
of Earth's burgeoning life,
in symbiosis we will find
co-operation's guide.

So Nature red in tooth and claw
is blue in sky and sea.
A rainbow the integral whole.
All colours shine in me.

Earth shows us more about ourselves
than anyone can do.
To follow Nature's guiding hands
aligns us with the truth.

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5 If there is one great thing

*To the tune of 'In the bleak mid-winter' by Gustav Holst.
Original words by Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830 – 94*

If there is one great thing
possible to do
It's the growth of love
for Earth we will pursue.
Open hearts to that world
beyond our wildest schemes.
Set the seal to re-weave all our dreams.

We can only start from
where we are today.
Love it has no price-tag
That is not its way.
Love is still the best thing,
an eternal call.
Giving us the answers
Healing all.

We are of the Earth made,
Earth too reflects us.
Bonded for a lifetime
to the universe.
Our fates are bound together,
our bodies so designed
Relationship with Earth
deep in mind.

As we take the time
to grow our love and trust
for all creatures now who
share this Earth with us.
For its seas and rivers,
lands, hills, forests, plants,
There we will discover
hearts that dance.

Christmas celebrations
thrill us to the core.
It's easy now to feel
the awe of Naturelore.
This energy lives on,
by choice and choice alone.
In the act of loving
Earth as home.

6 I look out my window

To the tune of 'Away in a manger' Anon.

I look out my window
see sun, sky and rain
in patterns of change
no two days are the same.

It all fits together
in one living whole.
Snow glitters and glints
like stars touching my soul.

Even in winter
there's colour enough.
It reminds me to shine
on days dark and tough.
As Solstice approaches
a secret I hear...
Earth is nearer the sun now
than ever all year.

Through Christmas excitement
I still make a space...
For it to all happen
Earth stands in first place.
With love as the lodestar
and Earth as my home.
Our planet so precious
in the goldilocks zone.

The story of Earth
is a true fairy tale.
We all play a part
where we never will fail.
To care for the Earth
now that we have the power.
Its creatures, its lifeforms,
its future, is ours.

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7 Gifted to us, for a lifetime

to the tune of 'Once in Royal David's City'

Original tune by Henry J. Gauntlett

Gifted to us for a lifetime
is this planet we call Earth.
Rarely is its bounty honoured,
rarely seen for its true worth.
It is time to celebrate
all it's given free to date.

When we find a symbiosis,
cease to live like parasites.
Respect life in all our actions,
grateful for the air we breathe.
Then we'll find that inner wealth
source of joy, pure living self.

Air and water, food and shelter,
newness in each day we greet.
Sometimes we are struck by wonder
at the miracles we meet.
Glory in diversity,
Fractal patterns, mimicry.

If I never take for granted
Our Earth's beauty of design
Then I'm open to life's essence
and its energy feeds mine.
So much still is yet unknown
Great mystery, our planet home.

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8 Children of the World

to the tune of 'Good King Wenceslas'

Tune from the Piaie Cantiones, 1582

Children of the World be bold,
Take our hands. We're legions.
We are strong and want real gold -
human evolution.

We are one in our great aim
Keep the planet healthy.
When we work in nature's name
we plan a future wealthy.

We are actors on life's stage
trying out a new play.
Where the theme is of our age
devoid of its clichés.

We are on a hero's quest
sourced in history's timeline.
Where we win by serving best
Nature's grand design.

Tales and myths are life in code
for our delectation.
When we want to make inroads
on our situation.
Frodo championed Middle Earth,
broke the Ring of Power.
Sam a friend of highest worth
And so all are ours.

Follow others of renown,
trace the way believed in.
Recreate our own home ground
as an earthly heaven.
Carson, Lovelock, John Muir too,
many more agreeing.
They speak up for what to do
their mindsets so far-seeing.

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9 Me! I champion Planet Earth

*to the tune of 'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Tune by Felix Mendelssohn*

Me! I champion Planet Earth,
perfected in our star's birth.
We are ready to embrace
all Earth's models with good grace.
Show us, as throughout all-time,
reverence is the art sublime.
Your life-secrets to encode.
Your way of being our own mode.

Chorus:

*Me! I champion Planet Earth
perfected in our star's birth.*

Greatest teacher, let me feel
deepest meanings you reveal.
Mountain, tree or river shows
qualities of our own souls.
Aspiring, rooted, with flow -
evolution's way to go.
Nature reflected in me.
Oldest guru, blessed, free.

Chorus:

Brave-heart, born of Nature's ways,
courage leads me all my days.
Flowers and birds epitomise
beauty's delight in surprise.
Open-hearted as the sky
our own spirits learn to fly.
Broad as ocean's cleansing flow,
deep as human love to grow.

Chorus:

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10 O kin of ours, all animals (for Tarja)

*to the tune of O come, O come, Emmanuel
Fifteenth century French tune*

O kin of ours, all animals
who share this planet as equals.
In symbiosis, celebrate
free spirits of love we create.

Chorus:

*Regain. Reclaim all animals
your honoured place as our equals.*

O kin of life, dear relatives
made from Earth as does all that lives.
Evolved through you this heritage.
Our bond extends from age to age.

Chorus:

O kin of life, your bright beauty
enriches all who choose to see.
The wonder of your living forms.
Diversity's joy, in rapport.

Chorus:

O dance of life miraculous,
with creatures far ahead of us.
Their senses and lifestyle excel
aligning with Earth's needs so well.

Chorus:

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11 People of pre-history's lineage

to the tune of 'Angels from the realms of glory' by Henry Smart.

Original words by James Montgomery.

People of pre-history's lineage
Claim your deepest heritage
There is found a primal linkage
to all lifeforms age to age

(Chorus to the original pattern latinized as '*Gloria, In excelsis Deo.*)

Unify...
our lifeweb's creation.

Homo sapiens' flights of fancy
elevate our status here.
We can freely choose to be
guardians of the biosphere.

Unify...
our lifeweb's creation.

Early peoples found their story
linked in to the natural world.
Songline taught and Dreamtime glory
Patterned life so richly told.

Storify...
our lifeweb's creation.

Global stories of creation
New inventions so diverse.
Human minds' imagination
Boundless as the universe.

Storify...
our lifeweb's creation

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12 The Mountain and the Ocean

*To the tune of 'The Holly and the Ivy'
English traditional carol.*

The mountain and the ocean
Icons of our great realm
And water-source from glacier melt,
A job they do year-round.
*Oh, the rising of the air
The clouding of the sky.
The cleansing of every part of earth
Rain-rivers feeding life.*

Streaming water, recycling,
Nature's self-assigned rôle,
and never stop to take a break
from their mountainous goal.
*Oh, the rising of the air,
the clouding of the sky.
The cleansing of every part of earth
Rain-rivers feeding life.*

The mountain is our challenge,
the river is our flow.
And in great seas, oneness is found
of right action and goals.
*Oh, the rising of the air,
the clouding of the sky.
The cleansing of every part of earth
rain-rivers feeding life.*

The wisdom of the planet
when seeded in our minds
is a template for a future more
co-operative and kind.
*Oh, the rising of the air,
the clouding of the sky.
The cleansing of every part of earth
rain-rivers feeding life.*

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13 Birdsong

to the tune of 'The First Nowell'

English traditional carol

The first birdsong that ever I heard
filled me with more joy than I felt I deserved.
How could it be that, a creature so wee
could fly, sing and be so beautifully free?

Chorus:

*Birdsong, birdsong, birdsong, birdsong.
It fills my heart my whole lifelong.*

It was through the feelings birds inspired
that I found my way when I was a child.
So brave, so small, in song and in flight.
Their courage in life my own birthright.

Chorus:

And truth to tell, it seems to me
birds lead us to ways we too can be free.
In murmurations, that sky-dance sublime
when thousands of birds move together in time.

Chorus:

As a part of a whole, each tiny yet strong,
their great joy in life a palpable one.
Their chorus at dawn the wake-up to feel
flowing with ecstasy's power to heal.

Chorus:

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14 The Gardener's EcoCarol

*To the tune of 'It came upon the midnight clear'
Traditional English tune adapted by Sir Arthur Sullivan*

To garden is to love and learn
the way life really works.
Communities of creatures find
their job, nature's network.
Companion plants, in the right soil,
offer an ideal start.
Environments encouraging
great vigour and good heart.

Yet out of sight, beneath the soil
great strength comes from the roots.
The gardener tends so mindfully
the growth of flower and fruit.
This life-pattern's primal design
under our feet and hands.
And we grow best when nurtured by
following such a plan.

To plant a seed or sow a dream
helps weed our minds of dross.
Communication without words
through sense and feel and touch.
An ecosystem colour-rich,
Scents fragrant bring the bees.
The smell of earth an elixir
from garden sanctuary.

The harvest is just one more stage
a maturation peak.
The gardener ripe with bright new schemes
to transform or to tweak.
Compost, greater fertility,
recycling night and day.
Our own lives imitate so well
this fractal-patterned way.

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15 Trees of Earth

*To the tune of 'We three Kings of Orient are'.
Original words and tune by John Henry Hopkins.*

Trees of Earth, we honour your part
Healthy planet, life-giving art.
Pear and pine tree, gum and plum tree
Seeds are your chosen start.
*O, Trees of Wonder, Trees of Earth
Hosting homes for life's new birth.
Graceful sharing, air-repairing
Trees have stratospheric worth.*

Elm, ash, oak, birch, willow and plane
We praise your lovely forms again
Lemon, banyan, rowan, aspen,
Lovers of sun and rain.
*O, Trees of Wonder, Trees of Earth
Hosting homes for life's new birth.
Graceful sharing, air-repairing
Trees have stratospheric worth.*

Copse or wood, rainforest and grove,
Root to crown, in sap-rising grows.
Shading, shelt'ring, filtr'ing, cooling,
Trees are a treasure-trove.
*O Trees of Wonder, Trees of Earth,
Hosting homes for life's new birth.
Graceful sharing, air-repairing,
Trees have stratospheric worth.*

Arms and limbs, your branches long,
Filled with movement and birdsong,
Budding, greening, rustling, breathing,
Beauty in every one.
*O Leaves of Wonder, Leaves of Earth,
Hosting homes for life's new birth
Graceful sharing, air-repairing,
Leaves have stratospheric worth.*

Sacred trees, you give us the wood
fashioned into millions of goods.
Tables, gables, books of fables,
Leaves are your clothes and food.
*O, Leaves of Wonder, Trees of Earth,
Hosting homes for life's new birth.
Graceful sharing, air-repairing,
Trees have stratospheric worth.*

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16 A Spinning Ball

to the tune of 'I saw 3 Ships':

English traditional carol

I saw the Earth a spinning ball, all blue and white, all blue and white.

I saw the Earth a spinning ball from outer space in the sunshine.

And what lives on that spinning ball? We want to know, we want to know.

It's surely something wonderful, from outer space in the sunshine.

A dream of love and harmony. And peace and joy. And peace and joy.

A dream that needs a helping hand, from outer space in the sunshine.

I chose to land my craft so strong on hilltop high, on hilltop high.

I chose to land and help the earth, from inner space in the rain clouds.

On Planet Earth, what did you find, from inner space, from inner space?

On Planet Earth what did you find from inner space in the rain-clouds?

I found a garden growing wild, from inner space, from inner space.

I found a garden growing wild. Paradise in the making.

And what was it that made you stay, on Planet Earth, on Planet Earth?

And what was it that made you stay on Planet Earth in the rain-clouds?

Its beauty and its mystery, its creatures and diversity,
Awesome wildness touching me. Wonderland so enchanting.

We want to be a part of Earth, our inner space our outer space.

We want to be a part of Earth. And all the life that lives here.

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17 Growing Strong

*Inspiration: 'God rest you, merry, gentlemen'
English traditional carol*

Those times you find yourself alone,
then this is what to do.
Remember you are connected
to everything, it's true.
Great company so diverse,
our kin all that's in view.
Great illusions of life put us wrong. They put us wrong.
Great illusions of life put us wrong.

And when you feel the pain of loss
or if your mood is low.
Recall the best you've ever felt
and let that vision grow.
To change your thoughts and heal your heart
or simply to let go.
Our connection to nature grows us strong. It grows us strong.
Our connection to nature grows us strong.

Relationship to everything
is what life is about.
One look at nature shows us this,
removing every doubt.
So we can model our own lives
on Earth's with certainty.
Our connection to nature grows us strong. It grows us strong.
Our connection to nature grows us strong.

First people's earthbonding lifestyle
a pattern we can trust.
Reclaiming it today ourselves,
there's nothing more robust.
Relationship with all nature
began life as stardust.
O... lighting our way into song, into song.
O... lighting the way into song.

18: The Greatest Song

to the tune of the Carol of the Birds – Irish traditional

All around this great world we wake and sing.

Today, today, today.

All around this great world we wake and sing.

Of the joy and peace compassion would bring
to each creature alive on this Earth.

Today, today, today.

Today, today, today.

The sun, the source of all Earth's life
each day, each day, each day.

The sun, the source of all Earth's life
since first we learned how to survive
as did all creatures on this Earth.

Each day, each day, each day.

Each day, each day, every day.

It is love for all in the universe
some day, some day, some day.

It is love for all in the universe
boundless power so diverse
will change the course of life on Earth
some day, some day, some day.

Some day, some day, some day.

When our hearts join in the greatest song
all ways, all ways, all ways.

When our hearts join in the greatest song
Praise love and life: the place we belong.

Here, in the miracle of the Earth
all ways, all ways, all ways.

All ways, all ways, all ways.

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19: Wild and Free

to the tune of the carol 'Jingle Bells'

Dashing up a tree.
Porpoising through the waves.
Flying gracefully.
You, like us, are brave!
Hauled out on a beach.
Hooting at the moon.
What fun it is to dance to each
creature's styles and tunes.

Chorus:

*Oh! Wild and free. Born like me, denizens of Earth.
Each creature an expert in a different way to be. Ho!
Planet-time. Nature's mine, every night and day.
We're creatures who, it's so true, play a part in nature's ways.*

Basking in the sun.
Hiding underground.
Swimming marathons,
till they're homeward bound.
Bounding down a lane.
Running up a hill.
Like you, we have our chasing games
so full of thrills and spills.

Chorus:

*Oh! Wild and free. Born like me, denizens of Earth.
Each creature an expert in a different way to be. Ho!
Planet-time. Nature's mine, every night and day.
We're creatures who, it's so true, play a part in nature's ways.*

Singing like a bird
flying high around the Earth.
Guided by the stars,
dive the universe.
Pronking left and right,
energies so high.
What fun it is to imitate
those who sing and fly!

Chorus:

*Oh! Wild and free. Born like me, denizens of Earth.
Each creature an expert in a different way to be. Ho!
Planet-time. Nature's mine, every night and day.
We're creatures who, it's so true, play a part in nature's ways.*

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20 Loving Earth

to the tune of 'Rocking': Czech carol

Fairest planet, be our guide.
Stake your claim.
Grow in us a love reframed.
We are younger, older, wiser.
We are wiser, older, younger.
See the changes we have made
to the future plans we've laid.

Gorgeous Gaia, speak to us.
Sense on sense.
Our own lives on you depend.
We are younger, older, wiser.
We are wiser, older, younger.
Hear the universe's song.
Loving Earth will make us strong.

For Earth's children, everywhere,
old and young. Earth's new story has begun.
We look deeper, farther, longer.
We are surer, bolder, braver.
See the life we're now saving.
Seas, forests, air. Great health to bring.

Fairest planet, be our guide.
Stake your claim.
Grow in us a love reframed.
We look deeper, farther, longer.
We are surer, bolder, braver.
See the changes we have made
to the future plans we've laid.

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21 Spark of Love

to the tune of 'O Christmas Tree': German folk song

Each day I sing. Each day I bring
a spark of love to all things.
It warms my heart. So it takes wing
and, like the birds, I start to sing.

Our source of power, the Earth and sun.
We are homed between each one.
Those roots and crown meet in the heart.
Where sparks of love play their great part.

Those sparks of love fly planet-wide,
ocean-tide to mountainside.
Those sparks of love, eternal guides,
To help us heal all divides.

Our source of power, the Earth and sun.
We are balanced between each one.
Rooted so deep, the oneness vibe
unifies our human tribe.

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22 The Greatest Gifting

to the tune of 'We wish you a merry Christmas': West of England traditional carol

To the present, the greatest gifting.
The future, tomorrow's gifting.
The past. a remembered gifting.
To be opened with care.

Chorus:

*See each as a way
to act in life's play.
The present the greatest gifting
to be opened with care.*

First gifts to our precious planet.
Water to our living planet.
Trees, plants, to a healthy planet.
To be treated with care.

Chorus:

*See each as a chance
to sing in life's dance.
The present the greatest gifting.
To be opened with care.*

We live on the lucky planet.
There may be no other planet
As lucky as our own planet.
So we treat it with care.

Chorus:

*Our freedom to choose.
To love or to lose.
The present the greatest gifting.
To be opened with care.*

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23: Earth's Own Oracle

to the tune of 'Good Christian Men, rejoice' – German traditional carol.

And should you feel the time's not right
for love to heal the human plight.
Look to Nature's miracles,
Earth's own great oracle. ('Great' is held for 2 notes.)
Seize the Day is a good way
to catch the flow of love's grand play.
Earth's own oracle.
Earth's own oracle.

For in the seas and in the lands
the wonder of existence stands.
Diverse beauty everywhere.
Each breath, life-sustaining air.
Senses fed by nature's heart.
Our lives are tuned to this great art.
Earth's own oracle.
Earth's own oracle.

Spaceship, life-raft, spinning so free.
We're rooted to the Earth like trees.
There, beneath the soil they show,
how to survive, how to grow.
Reaching out to help embrace
Symbiosis, the sweetest grace.
Earth's own oracle.
Earth's own oracle.

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24 Yin-yang

to the tune of 'Ding Dong, merrily on high': 17th century French tune

Yin-yang, symbol of all life
from China, manifesting.
Yoga, energy of life
from India, emanating.

Refrain:

*Now, we **have** just begun
to join up with this song
a way to see lifelong.
The place we all belong
Know **all** life as one – and whole.
For the sake of our future.*

Kami, spirits natural
are still, in Japan, living.
Gaia, spirit of the Earth
in all of life entwining.

Refrain:

*Now, we **have** just begun
to join up with this song
a way to see lifelong.
The place we all belong.
Know **all** life as one – and whole.
For the sake of our future.*

Black-white, balance in pure light,
all colours inter-blending.
Sing-sing of relationship
between all ways of being.

Refrain:

*Now, we **have** just begun
to join up with this song
a way to see lifelong.
The place we all belong.
Know **all** life as one – and whole.
For the sake of our future.*

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Please Note: 'Have' and 'all' indicated in bold in the refrain are held for two notes.

21 EcoHymns

1: Like-minds

*Inspiration: There is a green hill
composed by W. Horsley, 1774 – 1858*

There is a dream so far away
it seems out of our reach.
Yet the best place to find its source
our hearts alone can teach.

The thoughts sent out into the world
create a pulse of light.
And every song that celebrates
re-harmonises life.

We do not know, we cannot tell
the future of the Earth.
We only know the miracle
of life and its rebirth.

The Web of Life we're weaving now
gives us the chance to shine.
To deepen every root and grow
with others of like-mind.

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2: Earthly Paradise

Inspiration: The Lord's my Shepherd: Crimond

Music: Jessie Seymour Irvine 1872

The dream of earthly paradise
is one we all can share.
To help it grow within our hearts
Love's greatest task and prayer.

Courage, Caring and Compassion
with Love walk hand in hand.
Their future plans I overhear
in boundless joy this band.

'I am the Warrior of the Soul.'
'I am the healer's touch.'
'I am the centre of earth's needs.'
I feel it all so much.'

They dance and sing their visions bright
to seed the world with peace.
Their band grows stronger every day.
A harvest all can reap.

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3: The Great Vision

Inspiration: Be Thou My Vision

Ancient Irish poem, 8th century

Traditional Irish melody

Crazy my vision, yet wild hope lives on
that one day all species will live life as one.
Take no other model than Earth and her Sun,
Our planet's own patterns of how to become.

As the sun rises, my mind is aflame
With miracle visions where all play the game.
Learn from the universe it's the soul's right
to claim its stardom in the blackest of nights.

The energy flowing is boundless and free.
The spirit of life freely given to me.
Never forget as we wander the Earth
the far-away shining that gave us our birth.

Visions of loving, the beat of my heart,
a pulse I can trace to the far-distant stars.
Its energy-spirit shape-changing the way
we feel and see life, each moment, each day.

Infinite wisdom, the grail-quest divine,
where seeing life whole is the way to design
a future where nature grows so magical
we mimic her patterns. As part of it all.

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4: Infinite Love

Inspiration: Morning has broken

Original lyrics: Eleanor Farjeon 1881 - 1965

Inner sun shining
bright as the new day.
Energy dancing
lives in my blood.
Now is the birthing,
future rehearsing.
Miracles meaning
infinite love.

Show me a mountain,
power ascending.
Flow me a river
down to the sea.
We want a great world,
great as the Earth is.
Its heights and depths are
living in me.

Animal spirit,
primal connecting.
Touched by a wonder
wondrous to me.
Everything living
naturally giving
soar, swim and speak to
hearts blessing them.

Wilderness spirit
flying before me.
Inner sun burning
born of this day.
Lifelong its healing,
In love revealing,
Spirit, soul, matter
matter all ways.

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5: The miracle is life

*Inspiration: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind,
composed by John Greenleaf Whittier, 1807 - 92*

Dear Earth, sustainer of our lives,
to you we owe the most.
Tomorrow's dream is dawning fast
A caring vision made to last.
This story of our time,
this story of our time.

For Nature's lessons are still found
within our opening hearts.
Where hills and trees, creatures and seas
Inspire the beauty-ways desire
to bless and honour life.
To bless and honour life.

Breathe in the air as yogis do,
mindful of inner peace.
As thoughts recede, awareness grows.
Our hearts and minds and souls at one,
in love beyond belief.
In love beyond belief.

The spirit of this Earth is ours,
its energy flows free.
To love it unconditionally
the way to be, the way to see
this miracle of life,
this miracle *is* life.

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6: Nature is our Greatest Ally

*Inspiration: Glorious Things of Thee are spoken
composed by A Sullivan, 1842 – 1900*

Nature is our greatest ally,
befriend her and we will find -
She speaks to us through our senses.
Touch and taste, sight, scent and sound.
Refuge for the weary-hearted.
Solace to the wounded soul.
Our own lives all ways supported
Earth's great healing makes us whole.

Greet the day as a dear lover.
Glory in her newness now.
Welcomed as the greatest giver.
Loving her our lifelong vow.
See our role as nature's helpers.
Endless 'thank-you's' daily sing
for her never-ending wonders
that we feel when love is king.

Nature grows the hero in us
as Earth circles its own star.
Universe, so mysterious
echoes who and what we are.
The life choices we are making
affect growth in all its forms.
Great inheritance bequeathing
to this Earth, our precious home.

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7: The Beauty Way

Inspiration: Jerusalem

Original Lyrics: William Blake 1757 – 1827. Written 1804

Music: Sir Hubert Parry 1848 – 1918. Composed 1916

And does the sun that burns so bright
banish the darkness of our minds?
And will we change, like river-flow
by unseen currents that we find?
And dare to rise, the clouds create,
till rainbows send our visions far?
And crown enlightenment our birth-rite,
The quest of every human star?

Sing me my spirit's shining source.
Sing me the tunes of sparkling flow.
Sing love transformed. So Peace ascends,
in every place we choose to go.
I will declaim the Beauty Way
and celebrate the great rebirth.
Until those Dancing Stars of Love
arise in every heart on Earth.

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8: To bless the Earth

*Inspiration: Amazing Grace
composed by John Newton, 1779*

To bless the Earth, the miracle
we all can freely share.
Share in its power to change the world
for people everywhere.

To bless all life, the day, the work.
To bless the lost and found.
To bless the very ground I walk
re-sanctify the land.

To bless the blessings of this Earth
with every breath we take.
So mindful of its sacred worth
the moment we awake.

To bless the miracle of life
let love open your heart.
My daily task, both first and last,
restores this ancient art.

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9: Our Shared Home

*Inspiration: Immortal, invisible, God only wise
composed by Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824 – 1908*

I love Earth. Her beauty shines out every day
in landscapes, in dream-scapes, places far away.
Inspiring my heart with such strength, joy and hope,
I'm part of life's web; that most sacred of homes.

In caring, in daring to be our own best,
we open our lives to the miracle quest.
The greatest of dreams are a shadow we see
of Earth's future life: of what really could be.

There's no law insisting we live in this zone,
of never forgetting Earth is our shared home.
Such courage, such caring, the challenge we face,
the greatest one ever for the human race.

When we grow our lives based on models of Earth
we choose, as our teachers, those of timeless worth.
It's only by shifting the centre we find
can Earth speak her secrets, reflections sublime.

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10: Alive in me

*Inspiration: Abide with me
composed by W. H. Monk, 1823 - 89*

Alive in me
the choices we all make.
Hating or loving,
destroy or create.
Predate or live in wild symbiosis.
Every emotion is alive in us.

Attuned to Earth,
the Universal mind
so all-embracing,
so clearly designed,
to seed a model free to emulate.
Led by a love our hearts long to create.

Earth's sweet spirit:
the energy of life.
Its presence growing
through rain and sunlight.
Oh! What a joy to connect up and own
All things of Earth relate in our shared home.

Arise in me
a sense of life so blessed.
Its meaning deepens.
Makes nature our quest.
Attuned to Earth; her patterns love and trust.
Guide of our choices so alive in us.

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11: Come then, fellow travellers

Inspiration: Onward, Christian soldiers.

Original lyrics: Sabine Baring-Gould (1834 - 1924) Written 1865.

Tune: Arthur Sullivan (1842 – 1900) Composed 1871.

Come then, fellow travellers,
questing for far more.

Journey with this mantra...

peace-led at its core.

Sun, moon, stars our models
shining day and night.

A universe of wonder.

We stand in its light.

*Come then, fellow travellers,
questing for far more.*

Journey with this mantra...

love-led at its core.

See life in its wholeness.

Watch the change within.

Take your cues from nature,

Know all life as kin.

Earth the primal model

leads us all today.

In its symbiosis,

we may find our way.

Chorus...

Come then, fellow travellers,

Futures are assured

if we work together

for the good of all.

Choose the greatest vision

and where 'ere we roam

Know we are of one mind

Earth is our shared home.

Chorus...

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12 Growth to the spirit

*Inspiration: Praise to the holiest in the height
composed by Samuel Webbe, 1770 – 1843*

Growth to the spirit, caring and kind,
that lives within our hearts.
It reaches out to touch and heal
all beings near and far.

Joy to the spirit filled with love
for nature's awesomeness.
For life in all its diverse forms,
a planet so sun-blessed.

Dance with the spirit seeking still
for ways to love and grow.
In all the world no greater guide
than Earth's own wondrous flow.

Praise to the spirit so inspired
by peace, and love and awe.
Choosing to follow the dreaming heart
and honour Earth once more.

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13 Returning

Inspiration: Just as I am
composed by Henry Smart, 1813 - 79

Returning home is nature's way
of inviting innocent play
to reconnect the heart-led way.
O, first in line, I come.

Returning thanks for life itself
regardless of status or wealth.
Reflections mirrored in the Self.
O, first in line, I come.

Returning thanks so we can grow
towards a lifestyle that we know
cares for the Earth, so we can show
that, first in line, we come.

Returning love, with every breath,
for Earth's riches, our greatest wealth.
Earth's well-being, our own health.
O, first in line, I come

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14 In Peace and Love

*(Inspiration: How Great Thou Art:
Swedish Traditional Melody)*

Beliefs worldwide
reflecting diverse cultures
together live and work their awesome way,
on hearts and minds
when we are tiny children
and we repeat the words we learned to say.

Chorus:
My spirit's song
a blessing to the Earth,
In peace and love: in peace and love.
My spirit's song
a blessing to the Earth.
In peace and love: in peace and love.

And when we grow
and learn new ways of seeing
our thoughts they change. Confusion reigns within.
Should we have one
or many ways of being?
Can we embrace the whole world as our kin?
Chorus: as above

Our precious Earth
is shared by newborn babies
who need to learn the wonder of all life.
Nature and love
show ways to dissolve bound'ries,
Compassion's friends in darkness and sunlight.

Chorus:
Compassion's cry
A blessing to the Earth,
In peace and love: in peace and love.
Compassion's cry
A blessing to the Earth,
in peace and love: in peace and love.

Earth gives us life.
We cannot live without her.
She feeds my soul, my spirit and my song.
The same is true
for all the planet's creatures
Compassion forms the web that makes us strong.
Chorus: as in 3rd stanza

15 Promises

*Inspiration: O Jesus I have promised
composed by John Ernest Bode 1816 – 1874*

For people, what is promised
to Earth and land and sea
can seem a childish notion
of life's great mystery.
Yet we know there a deeper truth
binding humanity.
Promises renewed daily
by Earth's own unity.

A promise made in childhood
I still live out today.
It blossomed from a vision
of nature when I played
in sea and sand in sunshine.
Climbed hills and trees in rain.
And felt a growing love-bond.
My heart and soul it claimed.

This promise was to serve life
in the best way I could.
To champion nature's great gift
to help the human good.
Grow ego into eco,
the greatest story-quest.
An inner world expanded
the Web of Life re-blessed.

O promise of a lifetime
I thank you every day
for showing me in childhood
I'm part of nature's way.
A guide, a call, sweet whispers
from species not my own
reminds me that we share Earth.
For each and all it's home.

16 Spaceship Earth

*(to the tune of All things bright and beautiful
composed by William H. Monk 1887)*

*Spaceship Earth, our song worldwide
speaks of the greatest art.
Homed in times when nature guides.
Inspiring human hearts.*

The rainforests and oceans
are reigning Earth's great health.
The crown it goes to Nature
the source of all our wealth.

Refrain:

The heart of life is nature,
The heart of you and me.
So let your love be boundless
and set your spirit free.

Refrain:

The soul of life is heart-led
and souls need love that's strong.
We are the co-creators
and this is our great song.

Refrain:

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17 Earth's Aura

*Inspiration: 'Breathe on me, breath of God'
by Edwin Hatch 1835 -1889*

Miracle of our lives,
Earth's Aura that we breathe.
Connecting us to everything,
Connecting you and me.

It flows in to our blood.
Gives life to every cell.
In our own world no greater thing
How Earth keeps us so well.

Each moment of our lives,
whatever that we do,
Constant as our own beating hearts
dances its streaming flow.

Earth's Aura flows through me.
Great gift of life renewed.
Invisible to human eyes.
Connecting you and me.

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18 Earth Lullaby

*to the tune of 'Jesu, good above all other'
Quem Pastores 88.87*

Forest, home to thousands of creatures,
interdependence its greatest feature.
Trees and leaves and birdsong greet us.
help our love of nature grow.

Mountain, source of challenge and freedom,
first sunrays light up this kingdom.
Filling us with inspiration,
bonds us to the Earth we know.

River, home to flow and falling,
water loud to valley calling.
Homing now, its raindrops roaring,
cleanse and feed our planet's needs.

Oceans, waves of new life bringing,
seabirds, whales and our hearts singing.
Loving all is the beginning,
our real home on Planet Earth.

Planet, rich beyond all other,
miracles sustaining gaia.
In a heartbeat, we're her lovers,
gifted with the Earth, divine.

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19 : Landscapes of the heart

to the tune Blaenwern by William P. Rowlands for 'Love Divine'

Blessings fly to all Earth's creatures
when I trust in my own instincts.
Give my heart the wings to venture
far beyond my body's skin.

Knowing we are interconnected.
Web of Life embraces all.
We are fed its energy-spirit.
Earth's deep story we recall.

Gratitude rooted in my seeing.
Growth's miracle we share and claim.
Trees and plants, they echo our being.
Fractal patterns we now name.

Growth of love our lifelong journey.
Growth of peace the heart's great quest.
Creating a new human story.
Compassion we own and bless.

Landscapes of the heart's devising,
starlit visions nightly abound.
Show us nature so inspiring,
we stand rooted to the ground.

Boundless beauty in life's great mystr'y,
Great mystr'y when all began.
Love it. Live it. As your own story,
Part of Earth's creative plan.

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20 : Earth, the Greatest Work of Art

Inspiration: He Who Would Valiant Be
Music: 'Monks Gate' traditional English.

Earth, the greatest Work of Art,
self-reinventing.
What a model to impart,
new worlds creating.

Play intuition's game.
Ours the right to re-claim.
Nature, teach us again,
Earth holds our greatness.

As a pilgrim of our Earth,
questing Life's Myst'ry.
Vision people choosing to serve,
learning from hist'ry.

We have not yet laid claim
to our Earth's primal aim.
Diverse life-forms to sustain.
Earth holds our greatness.

Re-see the being you are.
Connect to all life.
Re-frame your life as art,
nature-inspired.

Believe yourself to be
gifted a love so free
as birds, who fly sky and sea.
Earth holds our greatness.

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21: Here

*Inspiration: Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven
by H. Smart, 1813 - 79*

Here we stand, on Earth, our planet
Life's she's sharing. Known and famed
on her course, sun-circling, and yet
giving everything she's gained.

Food and water, power, shelter,
on life-energy's exchange.

Here we stand, from here we see them.
Stars fill the whole universe.
Each one shining in the darkness.
Models in which we're immersed.

Revelation! Celebration!
Timeless things in us, are sourced.

Earth's grand ways we're slowly owning.
Day by day and year by year.
Universal understanding
comes when nature is revered.

Never-ending. Life-renewing.
Spirit-energy, right here.

When we choose to love all creatures
we learn secrets so profound.
Restored, healed, recycled nature
glorious in sight, scent and sound.

Proclamation! Exultation!
Spirit-energy we've found.