

## XRWA Perth Songbook words

### **ARE YOU LOOKING?**

Are you looking, are you listening are you frightened by what you see?

We have pleaded, we are needed, we must succeed and be fossil free.

***Are you acting in time and in the way the planet needs?***

***Are you hoping your child will not suffer from their greed?***

***But hope demands action and action brings hope, so rise up with your action your body and your voice.***

We are rising, we are marching, we are dancing in the street.

Our planet's bleeding we bring healing, we will succeed and be fossil free.

***Are you acting in time and in the way the planet needs?***

***Are you hoping your child will not suffer from their greed?***

***But hope demands action and action brings hope, so rise up with your action your body and your voice.***

We are suffering, we are healing, we are pleading, we have hope.

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### ARISE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

(with apologies to Bob Dylan)

Come gather 'round people  
Wherever you roam  
And admit that the waters  
Around you have grown  
And accept it that soon  
You'll be drenched to the  
bone.

If the earth to you  
Is worth savin'  
Then you better start  
swimmin'  
Or you'll sink like a stone  
For the climate it's rapidly  
changin'.

Come deniers and sceptics  
Who bend truth with your pen  
Open your eyes wide  
To the evidence that's in  
Our house is on fire  
Our earth it is parched  
It's not you, it's the earth  
that's convincin'  
The science is clear  
And there's no way you'll win  
For the climate it's rapidly  
changin'.

Politicians and newsmen  
Act on our demand  
Don't give us your spin  
We are now in command  
The truth it will win  
And you must understand  
The people outside are  
rebellin'.  
We'll be rattling your windows  
And shaking your walls  
Better heed us right now and  
open your doors  
For the climate it's rapidly  
changin'.

Come mothers and fathers  
Throughout the land  
Stand up for your children  
And lend them a hand  
Your sons and your daughters  
They're the ones who'll be  
damned  
Leave them a life like the one  
that was yours  
Get off of your arses and take  
up the cause  
REBEL!! ACT NOW!!  
'fore its too fuckin' late! [can  
substitute "There's no time to  
pause!"]  
For their future it's rapidly  
fadin'.

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### **BLOWIN' IN THE WIND**

How many roads must a man walk down  
 Before they call him a man  
 How many degrees must the temperature rise  
 Before he will understand  
 How much carbon can the chimneys emit Before they are forever banned  
 The answer, my friend, is blowing in the wind The answer is blowing in the wind  
 How many years will the glaciers exist Before they are washed to the sea  
 How many years can some people exist Before they can see what will be  
 How many times can a man turn his head And pretend that he just doesn't see  
 The answer, my friend, is blowing in the wind  
 The answer is blowing in the wind  
 How many times must a man look up Before he can see the sky  
 How many ears must one man have Before he can hear people cry  
 How many droughts will it take till he knows That too many pastures have dried  
 The answer, my friend, is blowing in the wind The answer is blowing in the wind.

### **CHANGE IS COMING**

Change is coming we are few but we are strong, Time's been wasted and we haven't got too long. Mother's dying we can feel it in our bones, So we're rebelling 'gainst a system that is wrong

### **EVERYBODY'S GATHERING**

*Everybody's gathering in peace to rally, peace to rally, peace to rally,*

*Everybody's gathering in peace to rally, we're going to stay all day.*

Because you've got to tell the truth, truth, truth

Science has the proof, proof, proof. No future for the youth, youth, youth

If you don't tell the truth, truth, truth.

*Everybody's gathering in peace to rally, peace to rally, peace to rally,*

*Everybody's gathering in peace to rally, we're going to stay all day.*

Beyond the politics of greed, greed, greed. Grows a hopeful little seed, seed, seed

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Citizen's assembly agreed, agreed, agreed. And solutions are decreed, decreed, decreed.

### EXTINCTION REBELLION ROUND

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### HEY HO

Hey-ho, no gas, coal, oil. Keep the carbon in the soil. Energy for free, renew  
(-oo-) ably  
(Finish after a few rounds) Hey, hey, ho, ho, ho.

### IMAGINE

Imagine there's no heaven  
It's easy if you try  
No hell below us  
Above us only sky  
Imagine all the people living for today

Imagine there's no countries  
It isn't hard to do  
Nothing to kill or die for  
And no religion too  
Imagine all the people living life in peace,

You may say I'm a dreamer  
But I'm not the only one  
I hope some day you'll join us  
And the world will be as one  
Imagine no possessions  
I wonder if you can  
No need for greed or hunger  
A brotherhood of man  
Imagine all the people sharing all the  
world, you

You may say I'm a dreamer  
But I'm not the only one  
I hope some day you'll join us  
And the world will be as one

### PEOPLE GONNA RISE LIKE THE WATER

People gonna rise like water, gonna turn this system round.  
Hear the voice of my great granddaughter, saying climate justice now.

People gonna rise like water, Gonna free society now  
Hear the voices of your great granddaughter, Saying keep the oil in the ground.

People are rising like water, gonna face this crisis now.  
Hear the voices of our ancestors, saying climate action now!

### POWER TO THE PEOPLE

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Power to the people, **power to the people**. The people got the power **the people got the power**. Tell me that you feel it, **tell me that you feel it**,  
Getting stronger by the hour, **getting stronger by the hour**  
Power, **power** People, **people**, People, **people** Power **power**

### SLEEP AUSTRALIA SLEEP

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

Who'll rock the cradle and cry?  
Who'll rock the cradle and cry?

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

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

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

Who'll rock the cradle and cry?  
Who'll rock the cradle and cry?

Sleep, my country, sleep  
As off the cliff the kingdoms leap  
Count them as they pass on by

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

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

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### **SING FOR THE CLIMATE. (We Need to Wake up)**

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, take no more lies and do it now, now, now.

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

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

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### **THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mS6n1uBIEoU>

This land is your land, this land is my land  
 From New South Wales, with the fires flaring  
 To the hurricanes of the Gulf Stream waters  
 This land was made for you and me –  
 As I was walking a ribbon of highway I saw above me an endless skyway  
 I saw below me a golden valley This land was made for you and me –  
 This earth is your earth, this earth is my earth  
 From bleaching corals, in Australia  
 To the melting ices, of the Himalayas This earth was made for you and me –  
 I've roamed and rambled and I've followed my footsteps  
 To the sparkling sands of -her diamond deserts  
 The bells were ringing, a voice was sounding  
 This earth was made for you and me  
 This earth is your earth, this earth is my earth  
 From retreating ice sheets, in the Arctic  
 to floods in India, to droughts in Africa This earth belongs to you and me –  
 The sun comes shining as I was strolling  
 The wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling  
 The fog was lifting a voice come chanting This earth was made for you and me –  
 This air is your air, this air is my air to fill with gases, that corrupt the climate  
 That waste this precious, gracious planet This air belongs to you and me –  
 In the squares of the city - I see the school girls  
 They say their future, has been stolen and that this planet, is not ours  
 That it belongs to the one's to come –  
 That the earth belongs to, all the living  
 It belongs to, our children's children and to their daughters, and to their sons and  
 to all the billions, yet to come.

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### WE'RE STANDING HERE

We're standing here, for this is an emergency  
 We're standing here for all that we hold dear.  
 We're standing here for beauty and diversity  
 And we're standing in the love that binds us all  
 And we demand our government must tell the truth  
 And they must act as if the truth is real  
 And we demand a Citizen's Assembly  
 To urgently create a green new deal!  
 We're rising up!  
 We stand here in rebellion  
 And we declare that ecocide's a crime.  
 In love and rage  
 And peaceful disobedience  
 The signs are here we're running out of time.

*(repeat all)*

*( then)*

We're standing here, for this is an emergency  
 We're standing here for all that we hold dear.  
 We're standing here for beauty and diversity  
 And we're standing in the love that binds us all.

### WE SHALL OVERCOME

We shall overcome  
 We shall overcome  
 We shall overcome, some day  
 Oh, deep in my heart  
 I do believe  
 We shall overcome, some day

We shall live in harmony  
 With our mother Earth  
 We shall find our way, some day  
 Oh, deep in my heart  
 I do believe  
 We shall overcome, some day

We will stand for justice  
 Justice for all peoples  
 We will live in peace, some day  
 Oh, deep in my heart  
 I do believe  
 We shall overcome, some day  
 We will rise as one  
 We will rise as one  
 We will rise as one, some day  
 Deep in my heart  
 I do believe  
 We shall overcome, some day

We are not afraid  
 We are not afraid  
 We are not afraid today  
 Oh, deep in my heart  
 I do believe  
 We shall overcome, some day



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### THE EVE OF DESTRUCTION

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tcYK6YZ\\_VhA&list=PLyjZUD0J0oBsEDTMoYyfpuJyZr\\_g3n8L1&index=14&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tcYK6YZ_VhA&list=PLyjZUD0J0oBsEDTMoYyfpuJyZr_g3n8L1&index=14&t=0s)

The climate's running wild, glaciers weep and die.

Storms, floods, droughts, and fires, multiply

The way we waste this world, makes you wanna cry

Will this century be, infamous for our terracide?

When our shame is exploding, there'll be nowhere to hide

***But you tell me, over and over and over again my friend, Ah, you don't believe we're on the Eve of Destruction.***

Don't you understand what I'm trying to say?

Can't you feel the fear that I'm feeling today?

When weather extremes, will come each and every day,

When climate's breaking down, there's no running away.

Instead of trying to save, we put the world in a grave,

***But you tell me, over and over and over again my friend, Ah, you don't believe we're on the Eve of Destruction.***

My blood's so mad feels like coagulating,

I'm sitting here in desolation You can't twist the truth there are no regulations,

Emissions just rise for the lack of legislation. Talk alone, doesn't stop the devastation, when our self- respect is disintegrating.

This whole crazy world is just too frustrating.

***But you tell me, over and over and over again my friend, Ah, you don't believe we're on the Eve of Destruction.***

Ocean levels are on the rise. We're rapidly losing, the Arctic Ice; Forests are burning, and farmland dries, while climate deniers, are TRUMPeting their lies

Are we blind and deaf, when our conscience cries?

And too dumb and daft, to get a carbon price?

How can we look our children in the eyes?

But you tell me, over and over and over again my friend, Ah, you don't believe we're on the Eve of Destruction.

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### YOU'LL KNOW WE ARE REBELS

We are one human family,  
 We are citizens of Earth.  
 We are kin with her creatures  
 All of life has equal worth.  
 And we call you to join us,  
 friends and family of Perth.

***And, you'll know we are Rebels by our love, by our love. Yes, you'll know we are Rebels by our love.***

We will walk on together.  
 We will walk hand in hand.  
 We will stand up for Country –  
 We are on Bibbulman land.  
 And Extinction Rebellion is merry wee band.

***And you'll know you're a Rebel by your love, by your love. Yes, you'll know you're a Rebel by your love.***

For the science is clear,  
 It can no more be ignored.  
 And the truth is our freedom  
 And the truth is our sword.  
 We will work so the balance  
 Can one day be restored

***And, we know we are Rebels by our love, by our love. Yes, we know we are Rebels by our love.***

For the hourglass is empty  
 We are ringing the bell  
 We aspire to the impossible  
 So all might be well.  
 And we call you to join us  
 It's our duty to rebel.

***And, they'll know we are Rebels by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Rebels by our love.***

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**Zero Carbon** (to the tune of Donna Nobis Pacem)

Zero carbon, by 2025. Tell the truth, it's an emergency.

We're in a mass extinction. Tell the truth it's an emergency.

Climate chaos is increasing. Tell the truth it's an emergency.

### FROM DENMARK XR

#### FACE THE FACTS

We're not standing by while the ecosystems die, while freak events are normalised and river catchments dry. The CO2 is rising, the climate's gone astray. We're in a real emergency and that is why we say;

***Listen to the science, face the facts. The climate is changing, it's time to act. Listen to the science, face the facts. The government has got to act!***

We're not standing by while politicians lie. The worst fire season ever with the country set to fry. The CO2 is rising, the climate's gone astray. We're in a real emergency and that is why we say:

***Listen to the science, face the facts. The climate is changing, it's time to act. Listen to the science, face the facts. The government has got to act!***

We've had enough of your inaction, dealing favours, pro-Adani. Subsidising fossil fuel, ignoring wind and sun. Tell the truth on climate change – face up to the facts, your miracles won't save us, the time has come to act.

***Listen to the science, face the facts. The climate is changing, it's time to act. Listen to the science, face the facts. The government has got to act!***

You heard the truth from our Saint Greta, our children's future needs something better. If you can't act right here right now, we'll take the lad and show you how. Citizen's assemblies could provide a better way, to face this real emergency and that is why we say;

***Listen to the science, face the facts. The climate is changing, it's time to act. Listen to the science, face the facts. The government has got to act!***

#### WE GOT ALL THE LOVE

We got all the love, all that we need to change our world hallelujah. We got all the love that we need blessed be mmm mmm.

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### **ON THE STREETS AGAIN**

I will rise over sorrow I will rise over pain, I will rise out of my anger to be here once again.

We will rise over sorrow we will rise over pain, we will rise out of our anger to be on the streets again.

Many people have no power, no agency to make the change. We must stand bearing witness, demand that targets be met for all.

I will rise over sorrow I will rise over pain, I will rise out of my anger to be here once again.

We will rise over sorrow we will rise over pain, we will rise out of our anger to be on the streets again.

Human? (homo) sapiens are but one species, our actions affect them all. We must stand for the voiceless or together we will fall.

I will rise over sorrow I will rise over pain, I will rise out of my anger to be here once again.

### **HISTORY** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRGH0txVH0I>

We're going down in history, down for the world and all to see.

Who will save the planet now, oh love show me the way.

Oh rebels let's act now, let's act now. Don't you wanna act now oh rebels let's act now, act for all to see.

#### Alternatives

Sisters Sing

Brothers Stand

Mothers Sit

Fathers Lie down

Denmark Hold Hands

Scomo Dance

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Music Traditional "Down to the river to pray" attributed to George H Allan Slave Book 1867.