

350.org Carolers Green Carol Songbook

4th Annual Green Carols at Green Lake

Saturday December 8, 2012

5 to 5:35 p.m. on the lake side

of the Green Lake Community Center

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*rehearsal Saturday Dec 1 from 1-3pm Good Shepherd
Wallingford Community Senior Center*

350 ppm (Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer)

music Johnny Marks c. 1948; words C. Tuttle 2009

Three-fifty parts per million,
carbon in the atmosphere.
We're closer to three-ninety,
risking all that we hold dear.
Famines and climate chaos,
droughts & melting Arctic too.
Risking life on our planet,
Oh my dear what shall we do?

(Bridge) Living local lives will help,
Planting trees and food.
Burning fossil fuels is out,
Earth supports our life no doubt.

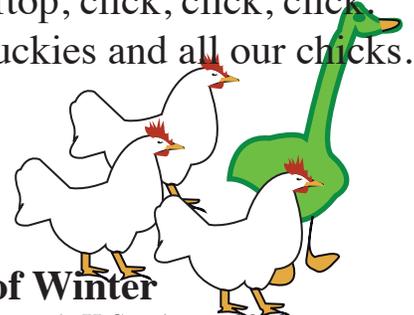
Earth is a perfect system,
if we learn to use it well.
350 parts per million,
to keep a world where we can dwell.

What is 350? Almost every scientist now agrees that a value for carbon dioxide in the atmosphere greater than 350 parts per million (350 ppm CO₂) is "not compatible with the planet on which civilization developed and to which life on earth is adapted." The current level in our atmosphere is about 400 ppm so we need to limit our CO₂ emissions soon. More at 350.org and 350WA.org

Up on the Rooftop

music Benjamin Hanby c. 1860; words C. Tuttle c. 2008

Up on the rooftop cluck, cluck, cluck
We've got chickens and a duck.
We give them kitchen scraps to eat,
And they make fresh eggs a treat.
(chorus) Cluck, cluck, cluck, Chickens & a duck (x2).
Up on our rooftop, click, click, click.
We love our duckies and all our chicks.



The 12 Days of Winter

music French 18th c; words K.Stocker c. 2008

In the dark Seattle winter, my planet said to me

1. And please use only what you need!
2. Reduce, reuse, recycle.
3. Buy local food.
4. Give your time and skills.

5. Remember I'm your home.

6. Say no to plastic.
7. Get to know your neighbors.
8. Wrap your gifts in fabric.
9. Plant edible gardens.
10. Tell your kids the truth.
11. Turn off your lights.

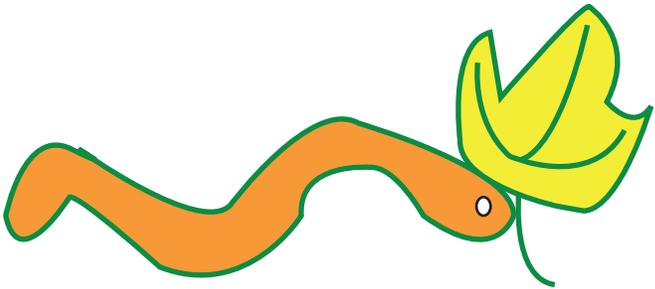
12. Bus, bike, or carpool.

Away in the Caymans (Manger)

Occupy Portland 2011

Away in the Caymans, The Plutocrats wept
Because, we the people
Are listing their debts
We're no longer fooled by
Divide and delay We're planting the seeds,
But they're making hay.

We're humans, not cattle,
We will not be cowed
We are all unbroken, Unbent and unbowed
With love for the Earth,
We will stand straight and strong
With love for each other, We'll sing a new song
We will stand together thru cold and thru pain
The Plutocrats loss, Will be all people's gain
There's food for the billions
When we start to share
The power is ours, When we really care.



Oh Composting! (O, Christmas Tree)

music Traditional German c. 19th c.; words C. Tuttle c. 2008

(chorus) Oh composting, Oh composting,
we gather leaves and plant stocks (x2)
We put you in a pile and turn,
And keep you warm and moist and firm.

(chorus) Oh composting, Oh composting,
we gather leaves and plant stocks.
We might add worms or coffee grounds,
Eggshells or seaweed to the mound.

(chorus) Oh composting, oh composting,
we gather leaves and plant stocks.

Bicycling Comfort (God Rest Ye Merry)

music: English c. 1800. words K. Stocker 2012

We're searching for a parking spot
Around the block we spin
We start to feel aggressive and
disgruntled and chagrined.
The cyclists fly right past us,
lock their bikes and walk right in

(Chorus)

Oh bicycling brings comfort and joy
Comfort and joy, Oh bicycling brings
comfort and joy

Well here we are trapped in our car
One ton or two of steel.
Spewing plumes of poison fumes
While stuck behind the wheel.
Our earnings gone
To tabs, repairs, insurance, fines, and fuel
While bicycling brings comfort and joy *(chorus)*

The cyclist breathes the open air
She's human power you see
She's healthier than ever cause
Her bike just lets her be
She's cancelled her gym membership
Her cardio is free *(chorus)*

God rest ye merry motorists
May nothing you dismay
But know this opportunity is yours this very day.
So if you like jump on your bike
And leave behind the fray *(Chorus)*

Every year the people of the world burn through thirty-one billion barrels of oil, six billion tons of coal, and a hundred trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

Coal Train Passes Me

(Come they tell me/little drummer boy)

Coal train passes me *pa rum pum pum pum*

A hundred cars I see *pa rum pum pum pum*

Each car five hundred pounds *pa rum pum pum pum*

Of dust it spews around *pa rum pum pum pum,*
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum

Coal train blocks our roads *pa rum pum pum pum*

For hours and hours it goes with load after load

It cuts me off from home *pa rum pum pum pum*

My children are alone *pa rum pum pum pum*

Coal sits in our ports, big mountains of coal

We've stripped the earth of coal *pa rum pum pum pum*

The dust fills up my lungs *pa rum pum pum pum*

I taste dust on my tongue *pa rum pum pum pum,*
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum

Our coal goes to Asian factory ports

To dusty towns built just to slave on exports

We burn coal a lot *pa rum pum pum pum*

Coal makes our planet hot *pa rum pum pum pum,*
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum

Countries make our stuff *pa rum pum pum pum*

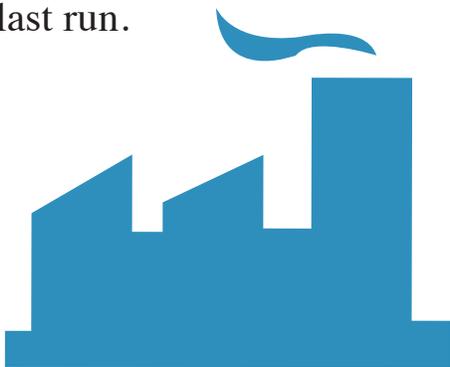
It ends up in our trash, Big mountains of trash

Buy things that don't use coal *pa rum pum pum pum*

And keep our planet cool *pa rum pum pum pum,*
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum

Coal train passes me *pa rum pum pum pum*

On its last run.



The Centralia Coal Plant produces a full 10% of all Washington State greenhouse gases. The plant is scheduled to close in 2015 but we still depend on coal for energy and manufacturing.

Do the Math (Oh come all ye faithful)

music 13th c. English hymn; words C.Tuttle 2012

It's simple, it's science, we can only burn up

Five hundred sixty five gigatons to stay -

Two degrees below Celsius

Anything more kills us.

(Chorus) Invest in local clean power

Invest in local clean power

Invest in local clean power

Use sun power today.

Fossil fuel companies,

Own about three thousand gigatons

Of carbon that if burned end all life on earth

It's simple science

Leave the carbon in the ground

(Chorus) Invest in local clean power (3x)

Use sun power today.

*It's simple math: we can burn **565 more gigatons** of carbon dioxide and stay below **2°C of warming** — anything more than that risks catastrophe for life on earth. The only problem? Fossil fuel corporations now have **2,795 gigatons** in their reserves, five times the safe amount. They're planning to burn it all — unless we rise up to stop them.*

Deck the Coal

music Welsh 16th c.; words C.Tuttle & K.Stocker c. 2010

Close the coal plant in Centralia Fa-la...

Solar power will never fail you Fa-la...

We have lots of greener choices Fa-la...

Stop the coal and raise our voices

Fa-la-la-la-la, La-la-la-la

Coal plants fill our air with gasses Fa-la...

Breathed by all our lads and lasses Fa-la...

We can call on higher powers Fa-la...

From the sun & wind & showers. Fa-la...

Close the coal plant in Centralia Fa-la...

Coal will shrink your genitalia Fa-la...

Coal has lots of nasty gases Fa-la...

Close the plant and save your health Fa-la...

Eat Local Now

(Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer)

music Johnny Marks c. 1948; words C.Tuttle c. 2009

Eating a local diet, you can eat up all your greens
Peaches and squash and carrots,
Salmon, apples and your beans.

(*Bridge*) We have local food galore,
berries black and blue.
Chickens pecking in their coops,
Onions and garlic for our soups.

We're blessed with year-round climate,
Suitable for eating well.

We like what grows near our town,
We can have a good Noël!

Divest (Away in a manger) ct2012

Divest fossil funds and divest fossil stocks
Invest in our future and walk what you talk

We burn fossil fuels now at great global harm
It's time to invest in a planet less warm.

Divest universities, cities, and schools.
Divest temples, churches invested in fuel.
Our fossil fuels mostly must stay in the ground
Our future is priceless, let's keep it around.

Fracking Rocks (Rock of Ages)

music Rev. Augustus Montague Toplady 1763; words C.Tuttle 2012

Breaking rocks of mother earth
Boring close to our aquifers
We have fracked and poisoned wells
Sucking out our reservoirs

(*Chorus*) Fuel that comes from fracking
Forces earthquakes cracking
Heal the earth, Find your power
From the sun and wind and water
Heal the earth, Find your power
From the sun and wind and water.

Footprint (I Had a Little Dreydl)

music S. Goldfarb and S.Grossman; words C. Tuttle 2008

I had a little footprint, I bought another car
I gave it to my children, so they could travel far.
(*chorus*) My footprint, footprint, footprint,
I want to raise it fast.

Cause we all know our planet,
Is not designed to last.

I had a little footprint, I turned up central heat
So I can sweat in winter,
and feel like an athlete. (*chorus*)

I had a little footprint, I made a shopping trip
To Saks, Dior, and Bloomies,
I buy all my friendships (*chorus*)

I had a little footprint, I took an airplane flight
To York and Chicago
For just some fun tonight (*chorus*)

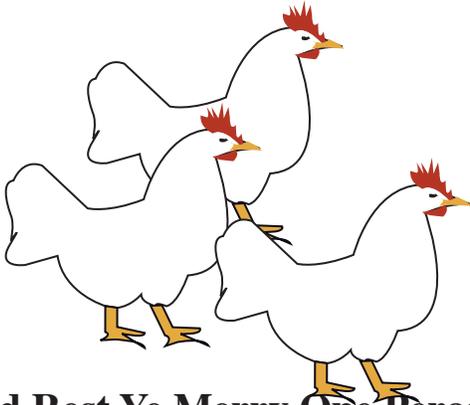
I had a little footprint, I watered all my lawn
I wouldn't want a garden
And food banks make me yawn (*chorus*)

I had a little footprint, I threw away my fridge
My laptop and my ipod
So old they are garbage (*chorus*)

I had a little footprint, I ate a meal out
Imported fruit and surf and turf
I could not do without (*chorus*)

I had a little footprint, I gave myself a raise
I needed a new boat soon
For ostentatious displays (*chorus*)





God Rest Ye Merry One Percent

Brian, Jeff, and Cathy God rest ye merry One Percent (2011)

God Rest Ye Merry One Percent
May nothing you dismay, Though all your
greed has pushed us into social disarray.
The 99 per cent of us may be the ones to pay.
Oh Tidings of 1 percent. One percents joy.
Oh Tidings 1 percent.

Arrest ye merry tax brokers all profiting today
You crashed the whole economy.
Yet nothing did you pay. You threw us under
unfair rule. When you did go astray
Oh Tidings of 1 percent. One percents joy
Oh Tidings 1 percent.

In Washington and Wall Street.
Their evil plan was hatched
By Goldman Sachs and Citi Group
The people's wealth was snatched
They ran hid in tax shelters
and made new plans to hatch.
Oh Tidings of 1 percent. One percents joy
Oh Tidings 1 percent.

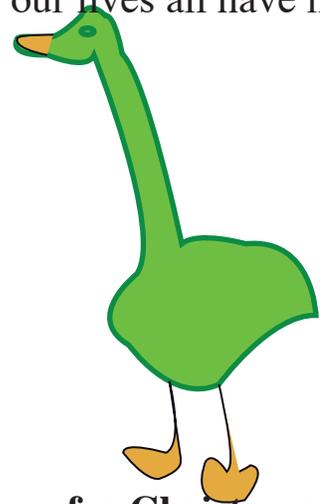
Then from the mass our voice arose.
Ideas finally came, we woke in certain knowledge
that our world would finally change.
Fear not then said the rising voice.
A fair world we can claim.
Oh tidings of 99 percent. Occupy joy.
Oh tidings of 99 percent.

Green Jobs (Greensleeves)

music English 16th c.; words C. Tuttle c. 2009

Alas, my love, I lost my job,
No cash, no power, no food to eat.
Our home foreclosed, the malls are dark,
What shall we do now for our living?
(Chorus) Green Jobs can feed us all,
Green Jobs give new energy,
Green Jobs transform the world,
To one where our lives all have meaning.

Install green power, plant trees, grow gardens,
Heal our schools, insulate old homes.
Restore our streams, revive crafts and trades,
Building value in our local businesses.
(Chorus) Green Jobs can feed us all,
Green Jobs give new energy,
Green Jobs transform the world,
To one where our lives all have meaning.



I'll Stay Home for Christmas

music Walter Kent c. 1943; words C. Tuttle c. 2009

I'll stay home for Christmas.
You can count on me.
We won't fly, we'll stay nearby,
we'll build community.

Christmas Eve will find us,
where the love light gleams.
We'll stay home for Christmas,
it's not just only dreams.

Hark, the TV Channel Sings

Michael Schultz Occupy Portland 2011

Hark, the TV Channel Sings
Think again when you buy things!
Buy the latest things in stores,
Buy and then go buy some more
Deep in debt we beg you come
This is how the machine hums
Crafting manufactured needs
In commercials planting seeds
Pleased that you have come to sell
Bid your integrity farewell
Hark, the TV Channel Sings
Think again when you buy things!

Hail the latest gadgetry
Broke in two weeks, maybe three
Trash and Trinkets, endless rings
Of consumption: cheap fake dreams
Obsolete and by design
Made to break down in no time
Corporations after-birth
Fills our oceans and our Earth
Hark, the TV Channel Sings
Think again when you buy things!
Hark, the TV Channel Sings
Think again when you buy things!



I'm Dreaming of a Green Christmas

music Irving Berlin c. 1941; words C. Tuttle c. 2008

I'm dreaming of a green Christmas,
We'll learn again to grow our food.
We'll build local turbines & share our
grapevines, And find meaning in our jobs.

Oh, I'm dreaming of a green Christmas,
When every child gets what she needs.
We'll have time together, we'll share our
weather, And meet all our village needs.

Oh, I'm dreaming of a green Christmas,
With every friend I meet today.
We've got time for dinner, and time with
inner, Quiet meaning to our days.

Oh, I'm dreaming of a green Christmas,
We'll find our paradise on earth.
(*Bridge*) May your power sources be clean
And may all your Christmases be green.

Jingle Trains (Jingle Bells)

music J.L.Pierpont c.1857; words C. Tuttle 2008

Dashing down the line, of an automated train
we can play on board & keep off wasteful planes.
If we choose to go, in comfort and in style,
We can keep our carbon low
And make the trip worthwhile.

(*chorus*) Oh ride the train, ride the bus,
don't get bumped off flights. We can visit
Grandma's house without a car in sight(x2)
Trains are fun to ride, we read books & play
Sleep & make new friends as we relax along the way.
We have friends at home, but sometimes
we must go. Far away to relatives, so keep
your carbon low! Oh! (*chorus x2*)

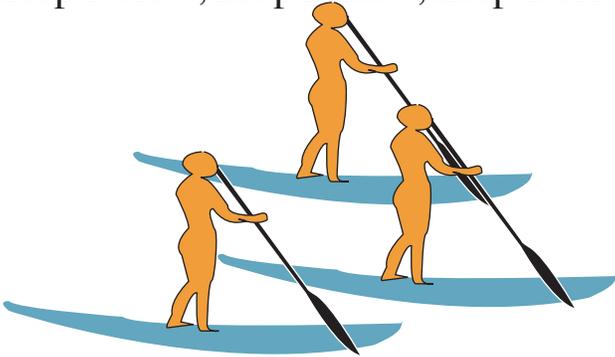
Keep It Slow (Let it Snow)

music Julie Styne c. 1945; words C. Tuttle c. 2009

Oh, the weather outside is frightful,
Hurricanes predicted by nightfall,
Our climate is starting to go,
So keep it slow, keep it slow, keep it slow.
It doesn't show signs of stopping,
The ice in the Arctic is popping,
The lights are turned way down low,
Keep it slow, keep it slow, keep it slow.

(Bridge) When we finally come to love,
The perfect planet for our home,
We will stop using so much of,
The carbon that powers our homes.

Oh, the sun is brightly glowing,
It's the power we need to keep going,
But for now stop and love one another,
Keep it slow, keep it slow, keep it slow.



Oh Carbon Neutral Energy

(O Hanukah O Hanukah)

music Traditional Yiddish 19th c.; words C. Tuttle c. 2008

Oh carbon neutral energy is what we depend on,
Wind farms and geothermal and insulation,
Riding bikes and walking and going by train
Healthy local foods and gardening again.

(Bridge) We live on one planet.
We're given a task on this earth:
To love one another & care for our future
and steward the land of our birth
To love one another & care for our future
and steward the land of our birth.

JOY to the World ct2012

Call & respond "MIC CHECK" (pronounced "mike check")

Mic check the world, Our time is come!
The ninety-nine percent.
We're holding banks accountable,
We're setting new agendas now,
We want a fair new world.
And we'll build a fair new world
And we'll build a fair, a fair new world.
(turn to the crowd & repeat from the start)

O Little Town of Occupy

Michael Schultz Occupy Portland 2011

O all the peoples of the Earth.
When will we see the light?
The one-percent is filled with glee.
When we decide to fight
For when we bomb each other
They turn our woe to dough
And we're sent off to war for them.
In places they won't go
Our love of money fills us,
With greed to own it all
The media says Occupy
Will lead to our downfall.

O all good people of the Earth
Stand with us while we pray
Cast out this den of thieves and then
Let's work for a new day
But something new is coming
The people rising up
Across the world we stand as one.
And say "Enough's Enough"
We'll wake our better angels
False prophets you are warned
A new world is arising now
In us it will be born.

Occupy Silent Night

Cathy 2011

Occupy Banks, Occupy Streets
Share our wins, in your tweets
Move your money from big megabanks
Credit unions will give you their thanks
Moving together from Wall Street
Moving together to home.

Return to Sanity

(call and response by Karen)

Divest (O Come Emmanuel)

music French 15th c. words K.Stocker 2012

Chorus

Divest, Divest, all stocks in fossil fuels
Will soon be shown to be the wealth of fools

O have you seen the mountains all on fire?
The withered ruined crops as heat goes higher
Now wise ones say the warming trend is dire
While fossil fuel calls climate change a liar
chorus

And oceans rise much higher than before
And hurricanes that swallow up the shore
We see our cherished planet changing more
O humankind what are we waiting for?
chorus

And coal and oil and gas still in the land
Far dug and burned to satisfy demand
But is this what we people really need
Or are we caught enthralled to corporate greed?
chorus

Invest in solar, wind and water power
Let's turn around at this eleventh hour
See what this miracle of life is worth
Our children's children's children's
children's earth *chorus*

Solar Power (Angels We Have Heard on High)
music French c. 18th c.; words after Seattle Labor Chorus c. 2006

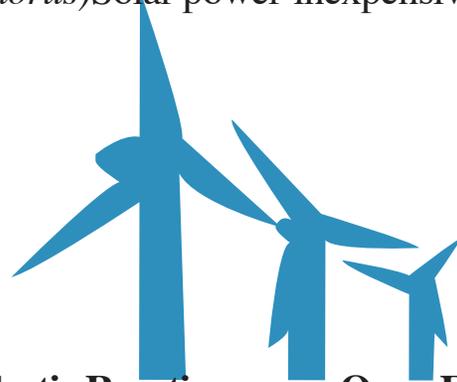
(*Chorus*)Solar power-inexpensive energy(2x)

Wind and sun we've seen on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the windmills in reply,
Echoing their glad refrain.

(*Chorus*)Solar power-inexpensive energy(2x)

We have used up fossil fuels
Now the planet needs to cool
There's a way to honor earth,
Giving back our planet's worth.

(*Chorus*)Solar power-inexpensive energy(2x)



Plastic Roasting on an Open Fire (Chestnuts)

music Torme & Wells c. 1946; words C. Tuttle c. 2010

Tires floating on the open seas,
Phthalates in our sippy cups,
Plastic clamshells with a salad inside,
And bottles littering our parks.

Everybody knows that plastic use is on the rise
Sports bottles left at yoga class,
Coffee lids on your take-out drink,
And styrofoam wrapped around a glass.

(*Bridge*) We know that plastic permeates
our land It's in our water, air, and in our
lymph glands When we shop we need to
choose, Containers that we can reuse.

And so we're offering this simple prayer,
To choose less plastic everyday,
Our lives will be richer and healthier too,
Use less plastic today.

We Three Moms

music John Henry Hopkins c. 1857; words C. Tuttle c. 2012

We three moms, we don't use a car.
Pedaling hard, we've travelled so far.
Streets and alleys, hills and valleys,
Groceries, schools, and bars - oh

(Chorus) Preschool pick-ups in the dark
Weekend soccer in the park
Kids behind us, you can find us
On our bikes and going to work.

On our bikes we all get fresh air
Exercise and money to spare.
Kids are happy, we aren't snappy
Healthy and free from care -oh

(Chorus) Preschool pick-ups in the dark
Weekend soccer in the park
Kids behind us, you can find us
On our bikes and going to work.

Take a ride with us on our bikes
You will find a lot that you like.
Ditch your car and you'll go far
Pedaling with your tykes -oh

(Chorus) Preschool pick-ups in the dark
Weekend soccer in the park
Kids behind us, you can find us
On our bikes and going to work.

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Based on the way we now structure our economy and our lives, our level of consumption grows our carbon two percent a year. When carbon dioxide is released into the air, about a third quickly ends up in the oceans, causing ocean acidification that is ravaging sea life. A quarter is absorbed by terrestrial ecosystems, and the rest remains in the atmosphere.

In most of our lifetimes, atmospheric CO₂ levels are projected to reach five hundred and fifty parts per million, twice pre-industrial levels - virtually guaranteeing a global temperature increase of three degrees Celsius or more. The consequences of this warming are difficult to predict in detail, but even the most conservative scientific estimates are terrifying: sea levels will rise by several feet; yields of crops such as wheat and corn will decline significantly; regions that depend on glacial runoff or seasonal snowmelt will face severe droughts.

The disruptive impacts of climate change are already apparent. The Arctic ice cap is noticeably shrinking, coral reefs are dying from acidification, and forests covering a hundred and fifty million acres in the U.S. and Canada have died from warming-related beetle infestations. We need to get from our current 400ppm to back to 350 ppm CO₂ or less ASAP. Plant trees!

In addition to active reforestation, there are infinite possibilities for generating energy more inventively and using it more intelligently. Realizing these possibilities will require great effort, and we may well decide not to make this effort. Future generations writing the history of climate change may be struck by an apparent paradox: while most educated people alive in the early 21st century acknowledged the threat posed by the buildup of greenhouse gasses and their part in creating it, only a small number did anything about it.

But that number is growing. If we make changes on a personal level by cutting personal consumption, it won't be enough. If we start to come together as communities, it may be just enough, just in time. The core values of sustainable communities - recognizing the realities of climate change, economic uncertainty, and peak oil (the idea that the planet has already given up all of its easy-to-access fossil fuel) -- are real and somber, yet there is joy in building a sustainable community with your neighbors. Once you feel reconnected to those around you, to the place you live, and the planet you love, it changes your whole way of being. We can be a 350 community! Happy Holidays! Green carols on-line: <http://local.350.org/events/146/> www.350WA.org

We Wish You a Living Planet

music English c. 16th c.; words K.Stocker & C.Tuttle 2010

We wish you a living ocean

We wish you a living forest.

We wish you a living river

We hold them so dear.

Turn plastic away / Plant trees every day /

We wish you a living planet / We all hold it dear!