

Green Carolers 2014 Songbook

6th Annual Green Carols at Green Lake Pathway of Lights
Saturday, December 13, 2013 6-6:30pm (meet 5:30pm)
South end of Green Lake at the Bath House Theater
FB EVENT <http://on.fb.me/12pGCBA>
2012 performance: www.youtube.com/watch?v=PC9FRY2-JVM
Songbook: <http://seattlegreenways.org/wp-content/uploads/GreenCarols2014.pdf>
350Seattle.org; 350.org; [Facebook.com/350WashingtonState](https://www.facebook.com/350WashingtonState)

1. Felix and Wangari Tree Planting Song

(O Come All Ye Faithful) music Portuguese 17th c.; words, K. Stocker 2013

Feeeee-lix Finkbeiner,
He was only nine years old,
One little kiddowinx with
One Big Idea... Earth needs more trees,
could we just plant them please!?
*Stop talking and start planting.
One thousand billion seedlings,
We're Planting for the Planet,
To ReForest Earth!*

Feeeee-lix Finkbeiner,
Met Wangari Maathai,
Great minds that comprehend the
Genius of Trees!
Brilliance of Children,
Mother Nature's Dearest Hope,
*Stop talking and start planting.
One thousand billion seedlings,
We're Planting for the Planet,
To ReForest Earth!*

Danke Watoto!
Asante Sana Kinder!
Thanks to Wangari and to
All the children too!
Bring back our Forests,
Living, breathing Lungs of Earth!
*Stop talking and start planting.
One thousand billion seedlings,
We're Planting for the Planet,
To ReForest Earth!*
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Nobel Peace Laureate
Wangari Maathai & Felix
Finkbeiner

Plant for the Planet started in 2007 by 9-year-old Felix Finkbeiner <http://www.plant-for-the-planet.org>. An international children's initiative Plant-For-The-Planet ambassadors for climate justice set a goal to plant 1,000 Billion trees worldwide by 2020.

Seattle has a Plant for the Planet chapter too! www.climatechange4families.com/

2. Plant a tree (Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella)

music French traditional 16th c.; words C. Tuttle 2013

Plant a tree, and plant for the planet,
Plant a forest and tell everyone.
Life is growing throughout the city
Soft rain is falling / Birds are calling
*Life, life, beautiful is the forest
Life, life, beautiful is the sun.*

Children know how to speak truth to power.
Children speak now and tell everyone.
Life is growing throughout the city
Soft rain is falling / Birds are calling
*Life, life, beautiful is the forest
Life, life, beautiful is the sun.*

Superheroes stand up for the future.
Heroes ask you to do what is fair.
Wealthy nations should pay reparations
It's only fair / We must prepare for
*Life, life, beautiful is the forest
Life, life, beautiful is the sun.*

Kings grow quiet when little ones lead us,
Hush, and hear what the smallest will say:
Life is growing throughout the city
Soft rain is falling / Birds are calling
*Life, life, beautiful is the forest
Life, life, beautiful is the sun.*

Be inspired by Severn Suzuki, 12 years old, as she speaks at the 1992 UN Earth Summit in Rio <http://youtu.be/uZsDliXzyAY>

3. 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.
Cluck, cluck, cluck, Chickens & a duck (x2).
Up on our rooftop, click, click, click.
We love our duckies and all our chicks.

Learn about backyard animal husbandry from the Seattle Farm Co-op <http://www.seattlefarmcoop.com>

4. Clear On Midnight (It came upon a midnight clear)

music Edmond Sears 1849; words C. Tuttle 2013

Turn off your x-box and close your screens,
Turn off your computers and phones.
Turn toward your families, turn towards your friends,
And find the meaning of home.
*Cook dinner, make time to read a book,
Go for a walk in the night air.*
The world is waiting with open arms,
With loving abundance to share.

Detach from Facebook and close your screens,
Turn Youtube and Amazon off.
Turn toward your families, turn towards your friends,
Find life & love that was lost.
*Plant gardens, learn how to knit a hat
Give elderly neighbors your care.*
The world is waiting with open arms,
With loving abundance to share.

5. The Barter Song (a-wassailing)

music English traditional; words C. Tuttle 2013

Oh here we come a-bartering
Among the leaves so green
With jams and tools and duck eggs
And skills to mend your screen
Chorus: *I make honey, you make mead.
All together all we need / To make friendships and strong communities / To make friendships and strong communities.*

Oh here we come a-bartering
We've brought along our friends

The ones who make our beer
And the ones who bake our bread
Chorus: *I make honey, you make mead.
All together all we need / To make friendships and strong communities / To make friendships and strong communities.*

Oh here we come a-bartering
We've brought along our class
Musicians and our teacher
Who helped us blow this glass.
Chorus: *I make honey, you make mead.
All together all we need / To make friendships and strong communities / To make friendships and strong communities.*

Oh here we come a-bartering
I'm glad you like my hat / I'll trade you for that pump
cause my bike tire's always flat.
Chorus: *I make honey, you make mead.
All together all we need / To make friendships and strong communities / To make friendships and strong communities.*

Join your local BUY NOTHING community:
<http://buynothingproject.org> Learn about local investing and building local economies from <https://l2020.org/LION>
Seattle has several Tool Libraries (Phinney, NE Seattle, West Seattle, and soon in Ballard). <http://wstoollibrary.org>

6. 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've jumped above four hundred, 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?

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.

350.org is building a global grassroots movement to solve the climate crisis. Campaigns, grassroots organizing, and mass public actions are led from the bottom up by thousands of volunteer organizers in over 188 countries. 350Seattle.org

350 means climate safety. To preserve our planet, scientists tell us we must reduce the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere from its current levels of 400 parts per million to below 350 ppm. But 350 is more than a number—it's a symbol of where we need to head as a planet. www.350.org

7. The 12 Days of Winter

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

In the dark Seattle winter, my planet said to me

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

5. Remember I'm your home (slow)

4. Go and plant a tree.
3. Buy local food.
2. Reduce, reuse, recycle.
1. Ple-ase use only wh-at you need!

8. Away in the Caymans (Manger)

Music James Murray 1887; words 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 & 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 & 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.

9. Oh Composting! (O, Christmas Tree)

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

*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.

*Oh composting, Oh composting,
we gather leaves and plant stocks*

We might add worms or coffee grounds,
Eggshells or seaweed to the mound.

*Oh composting, oh composting,
we gather leaves and plant stocks (x2)*

Seattle Neighborhood Greenways is a community non-profit working with government to make safe, healthy streets for people who walk and ride bicycles www.SeattleGreenways.org

10. Bicycling Comfort & Joy (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

*Oh biking brings comfort and joy
Comfort & joy, Oh biking brings
comfort & joy*

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

*Oh biking brings comfort and joy Comfort &
joy, Oh biking brings comfort & joy*

It's just so dang embarrassing that Portland &
New York / Have biking infrastructure that
makes ours look like a dork! Let's build a place
to safely bike, Greenways that really work!

*Oh biking brings comfort and joy Comfort &
joy, Oh biking brings comfort & joy*

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

*Oh biking brings comfort and joy Comfort &
joy, Oh biking brings comfort & joy*

11. Oil Trains Are Coming To Town

music John Fredrick Coots 1934; words C. Tuttle 2014

*You better watch out / You better not cry
You better speak up / I'm telling you why
Oil trains are coming to town.*

Trains glide beneath Seattle

They sometimes jump the track

Trains tumbled near the Puget Sound

We don't want to ask them back.

*You better watch out / You better not cry
You better speak up / I'm telling you why
Oil trains are coming to town.*

They carry toxic tar oil

In trains a mile long

They travel through our countryside

They're a ticking toxic bomb.

*You better watch out / You better not cry
You better speak up / I'm telling you why
Oil trains are coming to town.*

Trains flood our creeks with toxic goo

One blew up near Quebec

Where forty-seven people died

In explosions from the wreck.

*You better watch out / You better not cry
You better speak up / I'm telling you why
Oil trains are coming to town.*

The companies that own trains

They say they have our backs

But we have heard these lies before

We must stop them in their tracks.

*You better watch out / You better not cry
You better speak up / I'm telling you why
Oil trains are coming to town!*

There are 19 proposals for oil export terminals & oil by rail in the Pacific Northwest for land-locked Bakken Oil Shale and Tar Sands. This toxic, flammable oil is transported through Seattle in unsafe tank cars prone to explosions like the one that killed 47 people in a sleepy little town in Quebec in 2013 <http://bit.ly/1bpc4gb>. Sighthline has a series on the NW Pipelines: http://daily.sighthline.org/blog_series/the-northwests-pipeline-on-rails/ Here is a map of where they are going: <http://protectwhatcom.org/2013/09/21/fossil-fuel-transport-through-wa/>

12. Deck the Coal

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

The Centralia Coal Plant is closing but may reopen to refine gas. Find current actions to take: <http://350seattle.org/act/>

13. 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.

We're blessed with year-round climate,

Suitable for eating well.

We like what grows near our town,

We can have a good Noël!

*We have local food galore, berries red
and blue / Chickens pecking in their coops,
Kale and onions 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!

Seattle is a leader in local food action (thank you Richard Conlin) <http://www.seattle.gov/environment/food.htm>



Pachamama connects indigenous wisdom & modern knowledge for a just, sustainable, thriving world www.pachamama.org Read the Rights of Mother Earth <http://pwccc.wordpress.com/programa/>

14. I had a Climate Conference (I had a little dreydl)

music Mikhl Gelbart; words K. Stocker 2013

We had a Climate Conference / The Nations all arrived / So why did corporate money / Determine who survived? Oh
Climate, Climate, Climate Solutions can be found!
Let's pay the Loss and Damage And turn this thing around!

The nations that are wealthy, All got the wealth somewhere! Clean up the toxic messes now! Stop poisoning the air! oh
Climate, climate, climate, Solutions can be found!
responsibility demands We turn this thing around!

If I destroyed your garden, if I burned down your home / You'd sue for reparations! I'd owe you all I own! Oh
Climate, climate climate, Solutions can be found! the Rule of Law applies to all!
let's turn this thing around!

The drowning Island nations, are leaders, going green / Let's not delay the funds we owe / For their technology! Oh
climate, climate, climate Solutions can be found!
we want to tell our children we turned this thing around!

Wake up the wealthy nations! / We know what Life is worth! Let's pull together now to save / Our children's children's Earth! oh
climate, climate, climate Solutions can be found! Join with Earth's majority And turn this thing around!

15. Joy to the World! The Earth has Rights!

Music Handel; words K. Stocker 2013

Joy to the World! The Earth has Rights!
 Her People now declare!
 With Human Law agreeing,
 She is a Living Being!
And Heaven and Nature sing!
And Heaven and Nature sing!
Earth has, as we do / The right to live!

Earth is the Source Of Life's own Laws,
 Which, written in our Heart,
 Will guide our Mind to understand
 Our small but sacred role
Within this web of Life,
This wondrous web of Life;
Protecting and cherishing This web of Life.

Who will defend The Rights of Earth?
 Our Earth, our living Home?
 Rise up, our brilliant leadership,
 Inspiring Earth Community!
Whose vision and whose ways
Preserve this Wondrous Earth
For all generations, Still to come!

Joy to the world! The Earth has rights
 That Human Law defends!
 All rivers have the right to flow!
 As children have the right to grow
In freedom, health and love,
In freedom, health and love,
Respecting and cherishing Our harmony.

Oh Pachamama, you source of Life!
 Your lovely green and blue
 Dynamic, living Mother Earth
 Sustaining and renewing,
Your rivers and your seas
Your cultures and your skies,
All living be-e-ings / Belong to you.

16. Divest (Away in a manger)

Music William Kirkpatrick 1985; C. Tuttle 2012

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.

17. Wealth of Fools (O Come Emmanuel)

music: traditional Latin 8th c.; words: K. Stocker 2012

*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 river ruined crops as heat goes higher
Now wise ones say the warming trend is dire
While fossil fuel calls climate change a liar.
Divest, divest all stocks in fossil fuels
Will soon be shown to be the wealth of fools*

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

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

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

18. 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?

*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 corn and beans
Heal our schools, insulate old homes.
Restore our streams, revive crafts & trades,
Building value in our local businesses.

*Green Jobs can feed us all,
Green Jobs give new energy,
Green Jobs transform the world,
To one where our lives all have meaning.*

Van Jones at Green for All <http://greenforall.org> and Alan Durning at Sightline Institute <http://www.sightline.org> were the first to recognize and write about Green Jobs.

19. Hark, the TV Channel Sings

Music: Felix Mendelssohn 1855; words:

Michael Schultz Occupy Portland 2011

*Hark, the TV Channel Sings!
Do not think when you buy things!
Plastic crap made by a child
Sweatshop labor, now in style
Joyful, watch the Dow Jones rise
Corporate profits born from lies
While the TV hosts proclaim:
Don't think at all, there is no shame
Hark, the TV Channel Sings
Do not think 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
Do not think 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!

Find overshopping support from **Reverend Billy and the Church of Stop Shopping** <http://www.revilly.com>

20. I'm Dreaming Green

music Irving Berlin c. 1941; words C. Tuttle c. 2008
 I'm dreaming of a green planet,
 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 planet,
 When every child gets what they need.
 We'll have time together, we'll share our weather, And meet all our village needs.

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

21. 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.
Oh ride the train, ride the bus, don't get bumped off flights. We can visit Grandma's house without a car in sight (repeat)
 Trains are fun to ride, we read books and play, Sleep & make new friends, relax along the way. We have friends at home, but sometimes we must go.
 Far away to relatives, so keep your carbon low!

Oh ride the train, ride the bus, don't get bumped off flights. We can visit Grandma's house without a car in sight (repeat)

One round-trip flight from Seattle to New York creates a warming effect equivalent to 3 tons of carbon dioxide per person. The average American generates about 19 tons of carbon dioxide a year; the average Filipino less than 1 ton.

22. 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.
When we finally come to love,
Blessings of a living earth,
We will all sing together with love,
Celebrate values & worth
 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.

Keep it Slow with Slow Food <http://www.slowfoodusa.org> Slow Cities, Slow Travel, and Slow Living including Voluntary Simplicity, and the Center for a new American Dream <http://www.newdream.org>

23. Carbon Neutral Energy (O Hanukah)

music Traditional Yiddish 19th c.; words C. Tuttle c. 2008
 O 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.
 (repeat song)

24. We Three Moms (3 Kings of orient are)

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

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

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

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.

Get inspired to bike with your family on Totcycle/Kidical Mass rides <http://totcycle.com> and find support for family biking with <https://www.facebook.com/groups/seattlefamilybiking/>

25. Occupy Silent Night

music: Franz Gruber 1818; words C. Tuttle 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. (repeat song)

26. Solar Power (Angels We Have Heard on High)

music French 18th c; words Seattle Labor Chorus c. 2006

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.

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.

Solar power-inexpensive energy(2x)

Divestment action: <http://gofossilfree.org> Learn about management of investments as a catalyst to promote justice and sustainability in the world from the **Interfaith center on corporate responsibility** <http://www.iccr.org>

27. Puget Sound Energy (Good King

Wenceslaus) music 13th c. Finnish; words K. Stocker 2013

All King County Customers, of the PSE,

Hope to heat and light our homes

With cleaner energy! Recently we got a clue

Our energy is dirty! Puget Sound Energy

Coal percent is thirty!

Fossil fuels, including coal, Endanger Life; we can't / Safely get electric power. From that Col Strip Plant. Please shut down for greener jobs the Col Strip In Montan-a! Jobs in water, wind and sun As quickly as we can!

We want to trust the EPA To regulate emissions / We give our Public Comments here To better our conditions:

Please use water, wind and sun,

Efficient insulation, In our County and our State, And all across our Nation!



29. We Wish You a Living Planet

music English c. 16th c.; words K. Stocker 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 fuel trains away / Plant trees every day

We wish you a living river, we hold them all dear!

(Repeat whole song! Teach your children!)