Green Carolers 2014 Songbook
6th Annual Green Carolers 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
350Seattle.org; 350.org; Facebook.com/350WashingtonState

1. Felix and Wangari Tree Planting Song
(O Come All Ye Faithful) music Portuguese 17th c.; words, K. Stocker 2013
Feee-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!
Feee-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!
Stop talking and start planting.
One thousand billion seedlings,
We’re Planting for the Planet,
To ReForest Earth!

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/uZsDIIXzyAY
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
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 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.
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. Please use only what 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, Untbent 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,
Eggsheels 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 Baken 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.
Sightline has a series on the NW Pipelines:
[http://daily.sightline.org/blog_series/the-northwests-pipeline-on-rails/](http://daily.sightline.org/blog_series/the-northwests-pipeline-on-rails/)
Here is a map of where they are going:

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/](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 Nöel!

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 Nöel!

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

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/
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!
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.

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.

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)*

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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)*

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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,

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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 Montana! 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!

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28. **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!)*