

# Climate Choirs and Singing

You can learn songs online, join a singing group local to you if there is one, start one if there isn't, or learn songs from the archive and come along to a protest and join in.

## The XR Songbook

[Collection of song lyrics](#) curated by Marcus and Holly.

Watch a video of 'We Need to Build a Better Future' (for lyrics, see page 61 of songbook above):

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/XGgBtHolO4g?si=Wk8ktw6P-9IU4Rf5>

## Climate Choirs

Get involved with the [Climate Choir Movement](#) (not an XR group - but who often sing at XR events/actions).

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/6jZULYfW3tw?si=piPegCDSMOzLSlvj>

## Christmas Carols (with a rebel twist)

All the lyrics below as a 4-page pdf - [click to download XmasCarols.pdf](#)

### **Ding Dong Merrily on High**

Ding dong merrily on high  
The temperature is rising  
With all the carbon in the sky  
It isn't that surprising

Fa-la-la.....  
Our lifestyles are excessive ( x2)

And so here below, below,  
The life on earth is dying  
And "Io, io, io!"

The future's terrifying

Fa-la-la.....

Our lifestyles are excessive ( x2)

Pray you, dutifully go

And partake in truth telling

May you beautifully show

Concern for this, our dwelling

Fa-la-la.....

Our lifestyles are excessive ( x2)

## Silent Night

Silent night, holy night!

All are quiet, to the plight

On the TV, little is said

Of the crisis up ahead

Put our heads in the sand

Put our heads in the sand

Silent night, holy night!

Children quake at the sight.

Those in power show little concern

Fossil fuels continue to burn

When will our voices be heard?

When will our voices be heard?

Silent night, holy night!

May the world see the light.

Share the wisdom, start to act

And respond to science and fact

For the sake of this earth

For the sake of this earth

## Hark the Herald

Hark the herald rebels sing!

Let the sound of protest ring

East to West, and every child

Old and young are reconciled

Joyful, all ye nations, rise

Join the peaceful rebel cries  
With th' angelic host proclaim  
Life can never be the same  
Hark, the herald rebels sing  
Let the sound of protest ring

For too long we have ignored  
The great earth we all adore  
Now the time has come for all  
To respond to this great call  
In our shared humanity  
Hail the great calamity  
Silent can we be no more  
Rise as one, we all must soar  
Hark, the herald rebels sing!  
Let the sound of protest ring

Hail, The earth in all its grace  
Hail! The beauty in this place  
Light and life we strive to see  
In bio-diversity  
Join together, sing as one  
Till our work is fully done  
Till we're taken seriously  
In this stark emergency  
Hark, the herald rebels sing!  
Let the sound of protest ring

### **Once in Sweden's capital city**

Once in Sweden's capital city  
Stood a lowly girl on strike  
Climate breakdown was her worry  
World inaction she disliked  
Strong she stood, placard in hand  
With a message for her land.

It took time, for all to listen  
To the worries she conveyed  
Some did sneer, scorn with derision  
Undermined the points she made  
Resolute, she did persist  
Unwilling to be dismissed

And the eyes of many opened  
To the science that she shared  
Children gathered in accordance  
To show all, that they, too cared  
And she leads the movement on  
Worldwide voices speak as one  
And she leads the movement on  
Worldwide voices speak as one

### **O come all ye faithful**

O come all ye faithful  
Active and defiant  
O come ye, oh come ye  
And take a stand  
Come and behold this  
Climate crisis  
O come let us demand change  
O come let us demand change  
Oh come let us demand change  
For this our world

Sing choirs of protests  
Sing in exultation  
Sing all ye citizens of this great world  
Treasure creation  
Let us now preserve it  
O come let us demand change....

### **Deck the Halls v1**

Deck the halls with boughs of holly  
Fa la la la la, la la la la (after each line)  
'Tis the season to be jolly, fa la...  
Don we now our old apparel, fa la...  
Sing this eco Yuletide carol, fa la...

See the crisis that's before us, fa la...  
Beat the drums & join the chorus, fa la...  
Don't delay, have high ambitions, fa la...  
Stop the harm, reduce emissions, fa la...

Even as the year is ending, fa la...  
Our demands are still in pending, fa la...  
Tell the truth and work together, fa la...  
Heedless of the wind & weather, fa la...

People of the world take warning, fa la...  
Now reality is dawning, fa la...  
Look around & face the facts now, fa la...  
Tell the world it's time to act now, fa la...

## Deck the Halls v2

Pesticides, deforestation (or Climate Change, deforestation)

Fa-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la

Are a threat to all creation

Fa-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la

Global heating, endless plastic

Fa-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la

Hear the need for something drastic

Fa-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la

Save the human from this folly, fa la...

Mass extinction, not so jolly, fa la...

Quickly phase out fossil fuels, fa la...

Green new deal, we have the tools, fa la...

Carbon offset's no solution, fa la...

To the growth in oil pollution, fa la...

Coal and gas and anthracite, fa la...

Dim the future's guiding light, fa la...

Loss and damage, just transition, fa la...

Surely is no imposition, fa la...

Green jobs, justice, insulation, fa la...

Are the balm for devastation, fa la...

Pesticides, deforestation, fa la...

Are a threat to all creation, fa la...

Global heating, endless plastic, fa la...

Hear the need for something drastic, fa la...

### **We Wish You a Merry Christmas**

We wish you a greener Christmas,  
We wish you a greener Christmas,  
We wish you a greener Christmas  
And an Eco New Year

Glad tidings we bring  
We can still save your kin  
We wish you a greener Christmas,  
And an Eco New Year.

We all want a healthy planet  
We all want a healthy planet  
Now we all want a healthy planet  
so join us right here

Glad tidings we bring  
We can still save your kin  
We wish you a greener Christmas,  
And an Eco New Year.

And we won't stop until we've got one  
And we won't stop until we've got one  
And we won't stop until we've got one  
So join us right here

Glad tidings we bring  
We can still save your kin  
We wish you a greener Christmas,  
And an Eco New Year.

### **12 years of crisis**

In the first year of crisis, inaction gave to me  
A forest without any trees

In the second year of crisis, inaction gave to me

Two hurricanes  
And a forest without any trees  
etc.

Three heatwaves  
Four crop failures  
Five rising seas  
Six nations starving  
Seven flood disasters  
Eight coral die-offs  
Nine glaciers melting  
Ten million displaced people  
Eleven wildfires raging

In the twelfth year of crisis, inaction gave to me,  
(sing slowly) No turning back (pause)

[Optional: "There will soon be no turning back. Thank you and good night."]

OR

Eleven wildfires raging, ten displaced peoples, nine glaciers melting, eight coral die-offs, seven flood disasters, six nations starving.

Five rising seas.

Four crop failures, three heatwaves, two hurricanes and a forest without any trees.

## 12 days of vision

On the first day of Christmas, I see how it could be:

Clean air for children to breathe

On the second (etc) day of Christmas, I see how it could be:

2 more saved species, and clean air for children to breathe

3 April showers

4 smiling faces

5 billion bees

6 bright red corals

7 blue-flag beaches

8 drought-free summers

9 sparkling glaciers

10 Pacific islands

11 polar bears

12 clean rivers

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