

# 2050 The Future We Want - SCRIPT -

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## Scene ONE

### OPENING – PEACE DAY 2050

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*Silence - Bare stage with tiered risers at the back – a note sounds and a spotlight splits the darkness Stage Right! A young girl steps into the pool of light and sings:*

**Mariana** Come into my joy!

*A 2<sup>nd</sup> spotlight splits the darkness Stage Left and a young man steps into it singing:*

**Joseph** Come into my pain!

*They move together, singing:*

**Marianna  
& Joseph** Come – you be a friend of mine!  
I'll be the same!

## Song ONE

### PEACE ENOUGH / PEACE DAY

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**Joseph** As I go through my years with many thousand tears  
I never see my guiding light  
The clouds in front of me won't ever let me see  
I've grown so weary of the night

**Mariana** I've tried so many times to read between the lines  
But the words keep turning round  
And a thousand fears keep ringing in my ears  
And I'm so weary of the sound -

**Marianna  
& Joseph** So give me Peace Enough,  
Peace Enough, Peace Enough!

So give me peace enough, for peace of mind  
Everything's coming up sunshine! (x2)

*Cast & Chorus enter at the back of the theatre, dancing down the aisles – the dance troupe enter on stage, dancing:*

**ALL** Come into my joy. Come into my pain.  
Come you'll be a friend of mine  
I'll be the same X 2





*Cast & Chorus fill the aisles, houselights full up. They stand to sing as the dance troupe perform a playful dance on stage:*

**ALL** (Majestic) Peace Day, Peace Day we all say  
Happy world. Happy Day.  
Wear a leaf and show the way  
Celebrating this peace day (4 Bars)

Peace Day, Peace Day we all say  
Happy world, holiday.  
Wear a leaf and show the way  
Celebrating this peace day.

Peace Day, Peace Day sing and dance  
It will be a big romance  
People of the world as one  
Peace Day, Peace Day has begun.

Celebrations, jubilations,  
Laughter, shouting, lots of fun  
Singing, dancing, take your partner  
Happiness for everyone

Peace enough for all mankind  
Healthy body, happy mind  
Faith and love the world as one  
Peace Day. Peace Day has begun

Come into my joy. Come into my pain.  
Come you'll be a friend of mine  
I'll be the same X 2  
Come into my joy. Come into my pain.  
(slow) Come you'll be a friend of mine.  
I'll be the same.

*Everyone is on stage at the end of the song – in a tableau. The tableau breaks and every one falls into the arms of their neighbour, greeting them saying:*

**ALL** Happy Peace Day! Happy Peace Day!!

*Story-teller (ST) enters with group of younger children (5-12). The older young people (13-25) notice her and cry out:*

**Youth** Hey Look! It's the Story-teller!

**ALL** (Severally) Happy Peace Day, Story-teller!!



# **DROP-IN ONE**

- ST Happy Peace Day! - Happy Peace Day everyone. So – it's 2050! Half way through the 21st century – pretty much the only century I have ever known! Most of you, we hope! – will live to see the 22nd Century! And I hope you will be celebrating Peace Day at the end of your lives – and telling your children and your grand-children how you helped build the Future you want now for them. That's what Peace Day is all about: taking the temperature of the world, and finding out if our world is getting healthier or sicker. What are our findings bright Spring Morning? Have we got ourselves the Future we want?
- Youth Well – everything's a whole lot better than when you were our age!
- ST In what ways?
- Youth Population is stable!
- Child Nobody goes hungry now do they?
- ST That's good. What else?
- Child Not so many people sick any more
- Youth There is no more AIDS, no more Malaria and polio has been wiped out.
- ST Good. What about energy, climate change, pollution?
- Youth We've successfully made the transition from Fossil fuels to green energy!
- Child You've made us a clean world!
- Youth There's no more pollution!
- Youth Global warming has stopped.
- Youth No one has petrol any more because it's too expensive!
- Child What's petrol?
- Youth It's old-fashioned smokey stuff that people used to run cars on!
- Child Oh, I know! My grandpa has one of those! It doesn't go anywhere but he polishes it every Sunday.
- ST How about Water?
- Child We have plenty of that!
- Youth We're OK here in Geneva – but in many parts of the world, it's a HUGE problem.
- ST What do you know about Wars!



- Child            They used to have lots of those....
- Child            .... but not any more!
- Youth            That's the greatest achievement of your generation, Story-teller! You have created for us a World at Peace.
- Youth            A United Nations organization that WORKS!
- Youth            - that delivers us from the scourge of war!
- Youth            Thank you all for that!
- ST                We worked hard for it. And there is no more important task in life than stopping people hating each other – and helping every one to love and care for each other! That's why every one, all over the world, every culture in every nation – we all celebrate Peace Day – especially here in this lovely city where the idea of Uniting Nations was born....  
And that's why every young person learns the story – the Peace Child story of how the young people of my generation helped bring peace to the world.(to the whole cast) It's important to remember, isn't it?
- ALL                Yes!
- ST                (to the older cast) So – do you all know the parts?
- ALL                Of course, Yes – sure!
- ST                (to the younger children) – and one day, you will too, and then you can tell the story every Peace Day. Because you, in your lives, must work, as we did, to try to leave the world a better place than the one you were born into.
- Children        Yes!
- ST                (to the older cast) So – off you go and get ready.  
                          The older youth turn and bow to the storyteller – then – EXIT!
- ST                (to her group of young children) And let's travel back in time to my childhood, my youth!



## Song TWO

### IF YOU CLOSE YOUR EYES

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#### Children

Now if you close your eyes - you can be what you want  
And if you close your eyes - you can feel deep in your soul.

Don't you see, it's your destiny?  
Don't you see it was meant to be?

It's happening everywhere  
People waking up  
Together facing a great new dawn  
Reaching out for love

Do you believe in miracles?  
Have faith in things unseen  
Take a good look around you now  
No! No it's not a dream!

So open up your eyes and fly beyond the skies  
And open up your mind - you can see beyond your dreams  
Now open up your heart  
And behold – a brand new World!!

*The Story-teller leads the little children back to her chair where they sit around her feet and listen as she starts the story:*

#### ST

Our story begins in the summer of 2009. The world was in the grip of controversy about Climate Change – Global Warming! Millions were very concerned about it – especially young people. But in some countries, many politicians didn't believe it was even happening. Let's join some students in Northern California – who were making their opinions felt loudly on the streets:



## Scene TWO

### A DEMONSTRATION – CALIFORNIA, USA 2009

*The Spotlight picks out a Polar Bear’s head poking around the door back stage. It disappears – the sound of chanting begins:*

Fatim CLIMATE -

Response - ACTION

Fatim CLIMATE -

Response - ACTION NOW!!

Fatim CLIMATE -

Response - ACTION – NOW! NOW!! NOW!!! (Music begins)

*The Cast and Chorus come out carrying signs with Protest Slogans – “CLIMATE ACTION NOW” “LEARN DON’T BURN” “BE ASTUTE – DON’T POLLUTE!” etc. The main body of the cast and chorus process around the hall through the aisles – as the singers with some placards sing from the stage. (Each verse is split between two singers, first two lines solo – second two together – thus:)*

## Song THREE

### I WANT TO LIVE IN A WIGWAM

[Links: VIDEO | MUSIC SCORE](#)

Martin I'd like to live in a wigwam  
Yes I'd like to live in a wigwam  
We'd like to live in a wigwam and  
Dance round the totem pole

Eva I'd like to live in a treehut  
Yes, I'd like to live in a treehut  
Yes, I'd like to live in a treehut and  
Listen to the sound of the birds

AJ I don't want to live in a barracks  
No - I don't want to live in no barracks  
No - we don't want to live in a barracks - NO!  
And learn how to kill our friends

Karolina I'd like to live in an igloo  
Olga Yes, I'd like to live in an igloo





Denise  
Danielle

Yes, I'd like to live in an igloo  
Know that it wouldn't melt!

Ashleigh  
+ all Soloists

I'm glad I'm alive am I  
I'm glad I'm alive am I  
I'm glad I'm alive  
I'm glad I'm alive  
I'm glad I'm alive am I

Chorus

We gotta make our world a paradise  
We gotta make our world a paradise  
We gotta make our world - yes!  
Make it paradise  
We gotta make our world a paradise  
Gotta get to heaven get a guide  
We gotta get to heaven get a guide  
We gotta get our heads up  
Make a better world!  
We gotta make a better world for all  
YES!!

*Everyone ends up back on stage, staring at the Polar Bear who removes his head mask & speaks:*

Alec

**DROP-IN TWO**

Guys, just look at this: <video> Over the last 200 years, our society has become addicted to fossil fuels, and because of this addiction, we have knocked our planet's atmosphere completely out of balance. Shortly after we discovered these fuels, population began to rise like crazy, and as it did, resources declined just as quickly. Look at our fish stocks – almost all at unsustainable levels of exploitation. And, if we don't quit our addiction to fossil fuels, we will grow up in a world racked by hurricanes and tornadoes, overwhelmed by record floods and droughts, torn apart by wildfires. The sea level will rise, species will go extinct, homes will be destroyed, and the ice will keep melting faster than we can even measure. Just look at what has happened already: this is what the Arctic ice cap looked like in 1980, and here it is in 2012. Less than half the size.

Phillipe

By volume it's barely a quarter of what it was.

Fatim

And – when global warming really kicks in and all the ice is gone – there ain't nothing we can do about it. We're finished!





## Song FOUR

### WORLD

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**Alec** Youth World – look at the way we are  
Look at the things we do  
Look at the words we say  
Life! – look at the way we live  
Look at the love we had  
Look at the things we’ve made

**Alec & Chorus** Gone, gone are all those lovely days  
Gone are all the peaceful ways  
All that’s left is old and grey  
And our world is fading  
Our world is dying – today!

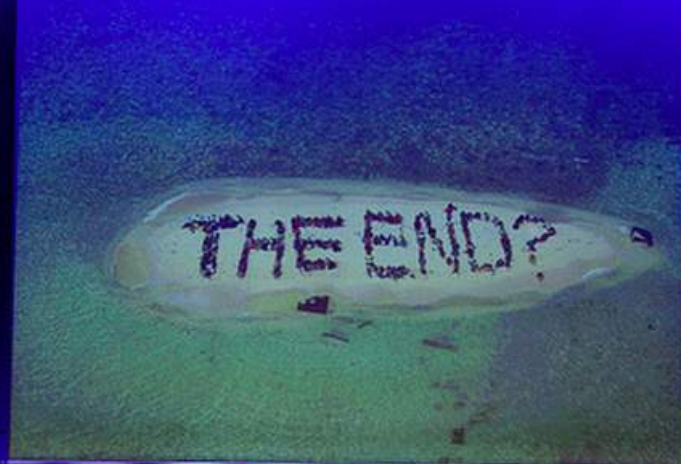
**Fatim  
Kiran  
Danielle  
Ashleigh** Can’t you see the tide is changing?  
Don’t you know that truth is fading?  
People coming out from under  
Slowly rising to the thunder

**Alec & AJ** Listen to the shouting people  
Broken churches, broken steeple  
There’s no one for them to follow  
Every one’s a God tomorrow

**Joseph** Can’t you see the world is dying?  
Repentant people all are crying  
Law and order has been drowned  
Chaos rules and has been crowned!

**ALL** World – look at the way we are  
Look at the things we do  
Look at the games we play  
Life! – look at the way we live  
Look at the things we build  
Look at the love we’ve killed

Gone, gone are all those lovely days  
Gone are all the peaceful ways  
All that’s left is old and grey  
And our world is fading  
Our world is dying – today!



Fatim            The Capitalist Swine are destroying our world!!

*Fatim, Alec, Rhiannon & A J stand on one side; Thea, Mei & Erland stand on the other taunting them.*

Mei              What's swine?

Erland          Pigs!

Fatim            *(declaiming)* The Capitalist swine – driven by their greed and thirst for profits – are strangling the lifeblood of our planet....

Mei              How do pigs strangle?

Erland          With their trotters! *(They laugh)*

Alec             What are you laughing about? It's not funny - !

Erland          It is pretty funny, man! You prancing around like a headless polar bear talking about the end of the world!

Mei              C'mon! It's a beautiful day! We're in California – the Sunshine State – how lucky are we?!

Rhiannon       I told you gloom and doom wouldn't work!

Fatim            What else is there?

Danielle        Do people want to commit suicide?

Mei              There's so much else, man! If all you look at is the politicians – of course! You will be out-of-your-mind depressed.

Erland          But look at the groundswell of love in humanity! Look at the beauty – the ocean, the forest, the flowers, the smiles of people falling in love...

Fatim            Not going to solve global warming!

Erland          'course it will! It's a problem! No doubt! We've always had problems – we get over them! C'mon man! Believe! Have Faith!

Alec             What faith are you?

Erland          Doesn't matter. God Loves all Faiths!

Fatim            If you seriously believe that some God is going to come down on a parachute and sort out the environmental problems of the world, you are seriously out of your mind!



- AJ I don't believe in any God! I don't believe in people either: people are nasty, greedy little animals, piling up as much stuff and money as they can plunder so that they can feel better than the next guy!
- Fatim And the Fat cats in the oil and coal industries are the worst: they ignore the evidence that says that climate change is happening – and pay scientists to say that it isn't!
- Thea *(shouting out!)* My Dad's an oilman – and he's a really nice guy!
- AJ He is! How did you guys all get here? If you drove, thank an oilman!
- Alec That's not the point....
- Erland What is the point here? What is your solution? Why did you bring us all out here?
- Alec The point is – our government, your government....
- Mei I'm from China, so NOT my government!
- Alec - especially YOUR government!! But every government is spending millions of dollars every day subsidizing oil and coal energy when they should be taxing it to death to make it sooooo expensive that we all start buying renewable energy.
- AJ How much subsidy are we talking about ?
- Alec Give or take a trillion dollars every year...
- AJ A Trillion dollars?!
- Erland I didn't know that
- Thea I'm not sure my Dad knows that?
- AJ So – what do you want us to do about it?
- Phillipe Sign the Petition!
- Erland You're kidding me!
- AJ Is that all you've got!
- Mei *(witheringly)* A petition?!
- Alec There's a big meeting about Climate Change coming up in December –
- AJ – in Copenhagen, right?
- Fatim And we've got to get the US Government there –



- Danielle – pushing for ambitious targets!
- Alec It's all about getting carbon concentration in the atmosphere down to below 350 parts per million....
- Mei And you think you can do all that with a Petition?!
- AJ That's pathetic!
- Thea What's parts per million?
- Phillipe It's the way you measure the crud in the atmosphere that causes global warming.
- Alec Imagine a jar with a million grains of white rice inside it. Then replace a hundred of the grains with black grains, and you have 100 parts per million. Our atmosphere is in such perfect balance that a change of even a few parts per million has drastic consequences on our climate and weather systems.
- Phillipe Right now, we're at 400 parts per million, heading for 450.
- Fatim 600 more like!
- Alec And the scientists tell us we're only safe if we get back to 350
- AJ And how we gonna do that?
- Thea Ask him! He'll tell you to dress up as a polar bear! (They laugh!)
- Alec Look – if you're so clever, why don't you come up with some answers?!
- Mei We just might!
- Alec Be my guest! – we know we have to find a different way to get our points across.
- Thea Let's get my Dad involved – he loves arguing about this stuff!
- Phillipe Go for it!
- Erland You mean it?
- Fatim Of course he means it! You don't think we have all the answers, do you?!
- AJ I'm not sure that we do...
- Mei I'm sure as hell sure that we could do better than dancing bears and petitions....
- Fatim How about you have a think about it and come along to our planning meeting next Wednesday evening?





Erland Fine! We'll be there!

Alec Look forward to it!

Phillippe See you!

### THEY EXIT

AJ Why would he let a bunch of bozos like us come up with a plan to help drive the change in Copenhagen?

Erland We're not bozos.

Mei It's a fun challenge! Let's think about it

Rhiannon What would Gandhi do!?

Erland Non-violence, of course!

Rhiannon Yes – but “Non-violence is a dormant state. In the waking state, it's called Love!”

AJ Aaaah!

Erland Did Gandhi say that?

Rhiannon Of course!

Danielle I didn't know that. Cute!

Rhiannon Gandhi's the best!

Thea We can do this, can't we?

All Of course!

### THEY EXIT - BLACK OUT

*Spotlight comes up on the Story-teller's group.*

Child 1 Were things very bad back then?

ST Very, very bad. For years, we had all just merrily lived our lives, using up all the food, and the animals, and the oil and the fishes – with no thought about what you, the children and even your children would live on.

Child 2 How could you have been so selfish?

ST Because we didn't know – most of us!



- Child 3 But the leaders in Washington knew?
- Child 4 The United Nations must have known....
- ST They knew but – until the people forced them to act – they were powerless
- Child 5 Why were people so greedy?!
- ST That was the problem: Greed! As Mahatma Gandhi said: “The world had enough for everyone’s needs but not for their greed...”
- Child 6 And they didn’t see that?
- Child 7 How stupid were they!
- ST Very, very stupid, I’m afraid. But look – they’re about to wake up!

## Scene THREE

### STOPPING THE TRAFFIC – CALIFORNIA, USA 2009

*As Story-teller reads, the Youth enter and sit in front of the screen showing the Golden Gate Bridge.*

- ST It is a beautiful October evening in San Francisco. Traffic streams north and south on the Golden Gate bridge. Hordes of people crowd the walkways moving to the middle of the bridge to watch the sunset. Three cars in parallel northbound – three in parallel south bound – slow to a halt on each lane in the middle of the bridge. The Hordes of people whip out their banners and occupy the freeway – shouting and protesting. (The Protesters reprise the Chant: “Climate – ACTION – Climate – ACTION – NOW! – NOW!! – NOW!!!”) A second group of protesters, who have climbed to the top of the towers, unfurl big banners demanding “US Leadership in Copenhagen!” Helicopters hover overhead – because of course the students have taken special care to be sure The Media knew exactly what was going to happen!

*The Media emerge from the sides of the Hall – the First in a pork-pie hat with a Press Tag in it; a second carries a camera – a third carries an I-pad, a fourth a mini-cam; they hover balletically around the young people who sit with their banners:*

- Press 1 It’s a story! (he winks at the audience)
- Press 1 Definitely bloggable....! (she winks at the audience)
- Press 1 Feature Documentary! (he winks at the audience)
- Press 1 Six figure syndication fees!! (she winks at the audience, tapping her camera)

**Music Starts:** *the young protestors are surrounded by the media singing:*



## Song SIX

### I GOTTA STORY

Links: [MUSIC SCORE](#) | [BACKING TRACK](#) | [VOCAL](#) | [INSTRUMENTAL](#)

**Press** It's a story! – We really gotta story!  
Front Page story! – definitely Headline news!

**Press** *(individually – sing)*  
- Who are you ?  
- Where you from ?  
- Were you paid ?  
- Who's the gang ?  
- Where's the power ?  
- What's the name ?  
- Are you friends ?

**Press** *(together – sing)*  
- What's the game ?  
- What's the game ??!  
- What's the game ??!!

**Pressman 1** Outta my way, guys! That's a great image you set up for us, kids! Congratulate your media department from me!

*He elaborately sets up a camera and takes a photograph. The rest dig out their cameras, singing:*

**Press** *(together – sing)*  
The Photograph, the Photograph  
We've got to have the Photograph!  
The photo! The Photo!  
We gotta have the photo!

*They pose: Big Flash – and the press hover as a Policeman comes on looking at the kids sourly:*

**Julian** Are you kids going to come nicely – or are we going to have to haul you into the waggons?

**Thea** Our demands are very simple: we want an invitation from Cobra Windfry to debate the Copenhagen issues with senior representatives of the Oil and Coal industry – to show the nation that filling our freeways with oil-powered traffic is destroying our future!

**Julian** I don't care about any of that! I've got six fire units – eighteen mobile units and two helicopters out here covering this stunt of your's: have you any idea how much that costs?!

**Philippe** Have you any idea how much it would cost to destroy the planet?

**Alec** Climate change will cost our generation trillions of dollars. Right now it's costing us several hundred million –every day!





- Danielle** Put that in your full-cost accounting and see what the people say come election day!
- Julian** You don't care, do you? - just as long as you get your name in the papers and make your silly point.
- Mei** It's NOT a silly point! It's the point the world needs to hear!
- Eva** *[coming on – folding a mobile phone]* - and the world will hear! Cobra Windfry has accepted your request to be on her show – and she has lined up senior executives from the Oil and Coal industry to debate you!
- All Youth** Yes!! *[They leap up and hi-five each other!]*
- Karolina** Recording 8 o'clock Thursday evening. Chicago. You know the place!
- ST** We were on our way! Pitting our wits against the collective genius of the multi-trillion dollar fossil fuel industry. We were very sure of ourselves. We should have been eaten alive – but none of us were worried about that: because we had won that vital oxygen that all protest movements crave: MEDIA!!!
- Press (Running on, singing) -*
- It's a story! – we really gotta story!  
Headline story! – Definitely front page news!
- The Press rush down the aisles, selling their newspapers -*
- Extra, extra, read all about it!  
Headlines Headlines no doubt about it!  
Extra, extra - read all about it!  
Headlines, Headlines - take it home and shout it!  
Front Page!  
Build it high!  
Say it Bold!  
Reach the sky!  
Make 'em shout!  
Make 'em cry!
- CLIMATE ACTION – Now! – NOW!! - NOWWW!!!!





## Scene FOUR

### A TV CHAT SHOW – CALIFORNIA, USA 2009

*Cobra Windfry sweeps on to tumultuous applause generated and energized by floor managers leaping up and down with “APPLAUSE” signs. She greets her adoring fans with appropriate disdain, and calls for hush. She then speaks to camera with her winning smile:*

**Cobra** Good evening – and welcome to a very special edition of my show where we bring to life the issues that the leaders of our world are going to be discussing in a few weeks time in Copenhagen, Denmark. Now Danish leaders have re-named their city “Hopenhagen” – because they hope that their Summit is going to deliver the legislative direction that will save the world from catastrophic climate change. Hysterical environmentalists think that this is destroying the future of the planet. But – most of us think that climate change is a load of hogwash – peddled by liberals who don’t know what they’re talking about.

**Youth** *(Offstage)* BOOOOOOOO!!

**Cobra** It’s true! But – what do I know?! Let’s get my guests on – and find out what’s really going on?!

*The young people come on from one side – the Oil Men and Women in suits come on from the other. Cobra welcomes them both effusively:*

**Cobra** Will you welcome please, on my right hand, the distinguished representatives of the Oil and Coal industry – and, on my left, ( - no political pun intended!) *[she winks!]* the students of the San José Climate Coalition! *[Applause]* So – Tim! Can you tell us what is going on in Copenhagen?

**Tim** A pleasure to be back on the show, Cobra! Thanks for having me! Copenhagen is another one of these expensive United Nations pranks dreamed up by left-wing, proto-communist governments in Europe to prevent Americans like us making money in the way we have for centuries.

**AJ** Bullshit!

**Cobra** Mind your language, son!

**AJ** *(under his voice)* I’m not your son!

**Tim** May we? - we’ve brought along a little presentation to give these kids a reality check!

**Philippe** *(under his voice)* We’re not kids either!

**Cobra** Go ahead!



# Song SEVEN

## PETROLEUM ENERGY CONTEXT

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**Heidi**      Petroleum energy complex  
Get on and get trained – join this gravy train!  
Get passionate about making money!  
You're all in a state! – the climate can wait!

**Heidi**      You're out of your depth in this jungle  
Get into our game! – or you'll take the blame -  
When it ends up in a horrible shambles!  
At least you'll have fun – before your life is done!!

**Dancers**      Oh - what a hopeless case you are!!  
Your heads are in the clouds!  
Oh - what a crazy lot you are!  
Thinking should NOT be allowed!

Because – unless in your schools  
You live by the rules  
And do what you're told  
You'll never win the gold!!!

### *Four Bar Instrumental - Dance Interlude*

**Dancers**      (sing) Oh - what a hopeless case you are!!  
Your heads are in the clouds!  
Oh - what a crazy lot you are!  
Thinking should NOT be allowed!

Because – unless in your schools  
You live by the rules  
And do what you're told  
You'll never win the gold!!!

**Heidi**      You broke the generational contract!  
Get back to your schools – start obeying those rules!  
We're out here trying to make you some money  
Where the money all goes – Nobody knows!

**Heidi**      Get back to your schools and get learning  
If the money is made – you'll make your grades!  
Your mums and your dads and your teachers  
Want success for you now – so don't make a row!!



- Cobra** So – kids: Play by the rules?
- Fatim** No – because the rules are made by them!
- Alec** Their rules are destroying the planet.
- AJ** Can we talk about money?
- Cobra** Sure!
- Tim** The Trillion dollar subsidy you think we’re getting from government?
- Cobra** Yes – what’s that all about?
- Tim** Very simple, Cobra: it’s very little to do with us. More than half – almost two thirds of that subsidy is paid by developing country governments to help their poorest citizens buy the fuel they need to get their goods to market.
- Heidi** And we hear that those governments wouldn’t last very long if they tried to cut it.
- Rhiannon** Oh yeah!? So why is gasoline in America half the price it is in Europe?
- Heidi** The power of the market, young lady: the US of A is the world’s largest oil market – so we have been able to negotiate the lowest possible price for the American people. You should thank us for that!
- Cobra** And we do! We do! Give them a round of applause for that!  
*[The floor managers leap up and down and the audience dutifully applauds.]*
- Mei** *[ironically]* So nice to have an impartial host!
- Philippe** How can we possibly succeed?
- Tim** You can’t son! All the power – and certainly all the money – is in the hands of the older generation. Youth can only ever jump up and down on the sidelines making idiots of themselves....
- Fatim** Youth stopped the Vietnam War
- Alec** Youth elected Barack Obama
- AJ** Youth brought down the Communist regimes of Eastern Europe
- Tim** Youth helped, no doubt! But only because the political wind was moving their way.
- Mei** They’re moving our way now: the laws of physics – the laws of supply and demand – dictate that Fossil Fuels will run out in our lifetimes. We have to make the rapid transition to a Green Economy – even if your generation doesn’t care because you will be dead by the time it happens.



- Cobra** Copenhagen? – if you could wave a magic wand, what would you like to see happen there?
- Alec** Worldwide agreement to cut carbon emissions to pre-1990 levels.
- Heidi** Fantasy!
- Tim** Complete, pie-in-the-sky dreamland.
- Heidi** Can you imagine what would happen in the markets if we suddenly said we were NOT going to mine our existing reserves but leave them in the ground because some students were worried about Climate Change?!
- Tim** You kids have no idea what you're talking about!
- Mei** I'm sorry, sir! We know exactly what we're talking about
- AJ** - and you don't want to talk about it because the only people you're talking to are the Pension Funds whose growth depend on your profits.
- Thea** Can't you see?!! Those profits are destroying our planet – and Our Future!
- Rhiannon** Look – can we stop talking about money for a moment.
- Cobra** Go ahead!

## Song EIGHT

### LISTEN TO ME!

[Links: VIDEO](#) | [MUSIC SCORE](#) | [BACKING TRACK](#) | [VOCAL](#) | [INSTRUMENTAL](#)

- Rhiannon** So listen to me! Heed the words that I say  
We live in one world so our home is the same  
The same sun is our fire,  
The same clouds give us rain  
So whatever you desire  
Our future's the same
- So open your eyes, take the truth as it stands  
We have but one earth so we must share the land  
The same moon is our lantern the same sky is our roof  
So whatever your reasons, come follow the truth
- Say not that you're Christian, Muslim nor Jew  
Say not that you're Buddhist, nor that you're Hindu  
Say only I am man – and I want to live in Peace  
In this here our world, let all wars cease!





For where would we go if this world we destroy?  
We have but one home, this world, to enjoy!  
The same earth fills our hunger, and we all breathe the air  
So change your desires, this world we must share.

Say not that you're rich, nor that you are poor  
Say not that you're less, nor that you are more!  
Say only I am Man – and I want to live in Peace  
In this here our world, let all wars cease!  
In this here our world, let all wars cease!

**Cobra** Cute – thank you

**Thea** You see, Cobra, we didn't come here to argue: he's my Dad – and I want him to stop being part of the problem and become a big part of the solution.

**Tim** How do I become 'Big part of the solution'?

**Fatim** By lobbying with us, in Washington, for a transition away from the Brown fossil-fuel Economy to the clean Green renewable Sustainable Economy –

**Alec** You can frack and mine tar sands from here to the North Pole – but one day, you KNOW it's all going to run out!

**Thea** Get ahead of the game! Shift your business into non-carbon, renewable energy.

**Cobra** What do you say to that Tim?

**Tim** A few windmills pissing in the wind!? You're kidding me, right? I can make more money out of one day's tar sands mining than a whole year of putting up windmills.

**Alec** I don't think that's true: the Danish and German wind industries have consistently been posting higher returns on investment than comparable coal companies.

**Tim** I'm not German or Danish: with the tax system we have in this great country – I can make more money mining oil than covering the scenery with hideous windmills.

**Cobra** So – the problem is the tax system?

**Fatim** Exactly, Cobra! Our government is so completely bought and paid for by the big corporations that they represent, they cannot possibly do the right thing!

**Thea** Unless, Dad, you come and help us! [The 'Reinventing Fire' Slide comes up on the screen behind.] Look at this line of human history – stretching from the year Nought to the year 3000: that little blip in the middle represents the extent of the fossil-fuel era: before that, all energy was renewable. After 2050, it will all have to be renewable again! Our children and grand-children are NOT going to be able to keep the lights on unless genius people like you, Dad, come over to our \ side!



- Mei** You see, sir – the Green Economy will create millions of jobs – will conserve the fisheries, improve agriculture, and eradicate poverty. You can be a pioneer of that Green Economy – and be a hero.
- Philippe** Not a dinosaur...
- Tim** And how exactly do I change from dinosaur to hero?
- Fatim** Come to Congress! Sit down with the Energy Committee and work out a tax and subsidy regime that makes it more profitable to invest in the green economy than in the old, brown polluting economy.
- Tim** You mean I should ask our Congressmen and women to impose taxes on my industry that will cost us billions and double the electricity bills of everyone who might vote for them?!
- Alec** Yes sir! That's precisely what we want you to do!
- Cobra** You Crazy!
- AJ** No, Cobra! Extremely sane. If Tim had said a century ago: "We're not going to invest in roads and cars – because Railways are what we've always done..." – he'd be bankrupt.
- Alec** Same with energy: smart people are already investing in renewables – building windmills, investing in solar voltaics, ground source heat-pumps. That's where the profits are going to be made this century.
- Thea** Daddy: you don't have to be the bad guy in all this, you could be the Hero, leading the way to a bright, sustainable future!
- Alec** Clean, sustainable energy – warming the homes of our nation for generations.
- Philippe** Bringing us prosperity we can live with – not profits that will kill us all.
- Rhiannon** Come on, sir. You can do it! For your grand-children!
- Tim** What can I say, Cobra?
- Cobra** How are you guys so certain? You're just kids! I wasn't that certain about anything when I was a kid.
- Mei** This – Cobra: *[The Arctic circle slides flash up on the screen]* The Arctic ice-cap in 1970 – and the Arctic ice-cap now.
- Danielle** That's not some ice-eating bug, munching away the Ice-cap. That's global warming.
- Alec** Climate change destroying our future!
- Mei** Caused by people like you burning oil and gas and coal for profit.



- Danielle** We've got to stop them, Cobra!
- Cobra** In Copenhagen, right?!
- Tim** [firmly, decisively] You can't – and you won't! Because even if I was able to persuade the folk down in Washington DC that you're right, there's no way we would persuade all governments to change. The Saudis, the Chinese, the Russians – NONE of them will agree. They're making too much money from oil and gas and economic growth. And unless we all do, none of us can! Believe me – I see where you're coming from, and a big part of me admires you and wants to help you! ! But I can't. I know my share-holders – the big ones anyway, and they'd think I'd gone soft in the head if I start talking to them about transitioning to Green Energy. They'd get rid of me in a heartbeat – and then what use would I be to you??!
- Cobra** Well that about wraps it up for this evening. I hope you've enjoyed this as much as I have! I'm tempted to give a points victory to the kids – because I think you touched the hearts of our oilmen with your passion, didn't they Tim!
- Tim** I love kids, Cobra! But they didn't change my mind...
- Heidi** Nor mine! But well done, kids – and good luck!
- Alec** Thanks.
- Fatim** Thanks for what?!
- Alec** Thanks to Cobra – for letting us come on the show!
- Cobra** It's a pleasure! I have friends who commute across the Golden Gate in San Francisco – so I don't want you kids stopping the traffic any more, right? You kids have a problem – you call me direct! Come talk to me after Copenhagen, OK?
- Danielle** Watch us, Cobra: with American leadership – Hopenhagen is going to become Successinhagen!  
*[Hopenhagen slide comes up]*
- Fatim** The World is ready for solutions!
- Mei** And we're going to make them happen!
- Cobra** Thank you and good night!

**BLACK OUT**



## Scene FIVE

### DESPAIRENHAGEN, DECEMBER 2009

*Spotlight comes up on the Story-teller's group, while in the background – the core cast set up tables and chairs for the Copenhagen Summit scene. The COP-15 Logo Slide comes up on the screen.*

Child 1      So – was Copenhagen the big turning point?

ST            Sadly not.

Child 3      It's the meeting we all learn about....

ST            That was the problem: everyone expected it to be the world-changing moment. But it wasn't. I was there – along with tens of thousands of other young people and NGOs but – when the Heads of State came, we were all shut out of the Conference Centre completely.

Child 4      You weren't allowed to make your arguments

ST            No – all we could do was to go on demonstrations through the streets, waving flags and making as much noise and confusion as possible.

Child 2      So what actually happened.

ST            Well it all came down to the last night....

*Lights come up on the Presidents sitting at the table. The Spotlight picks out each of them – as the Story-teller explains who they are:*

ST            It was 3 o'clock in the morning – and the heads of State were all gathered around a table.

Child        They must have been very tired!

ST            Very tired – every one wanted to go to bed!

Child        Who was there?

ST            There was Gordon Brown –

Child        - from the UK (Youth 1 – yawns hugely)

ST            Barack Obama

Child        - US President (Youth 2 – scratches his head)

ST            Meles Zanawi –





- Child            Where was he from?
- ST                Ethiopia            (Youth 3 stares straight ahead, dazed)
- ST                Angela Merkel
- Child            - from Germany            (Youth 4 – rubs her eyes)
- ST                Dilma Rousseff
- Child            - from Brazil    (Youth 5 – asleep on her hands)
- ST                Well done! President Rasheed
- Child            From?
- ST                The Maldives    (Youth 6 – looks around: extremely alert)
- Child            Where’s the Maldives?
- ST                They’re tiny islands in the Indian Ocean. Anyway – there were about 30 of them – and the Chairperson was the Prime Minister of Denmark. (Youth – stares at her papers) Time after time, the Danish Prime Minister would propose some agreement – every one would vote “Yes” – and wait for the Chinese decision.
- (In mime, Youth holds up a paper – looking at the Heads of State: they all raise their hands – and look to Youth 2 who sits at the end of the table. She gets up – listens to her mobile phone: comes back – and shakes her head. The other presidents screw up their pieces of paper and throw them on the floor in disgust. The Story-teller explains what’s happening.)*
- Child            Who’s she?
- ST                She’s representing China.
- Child            Is she the President?
- ST                No – that was the problem
- Child            Why wasn’t the President there?
- ST                Who knows?! Perhaps he had a head-ache. But the truth is – the Chinese government did not want to agree anything: so sending a second-tier official from the Foreign Office was a way to save their President personal embarrassment.

*(As the ST speaks, Anna holds up another paper – looking at the Heads of State: they all raise their hands in agreement – and look to Mei. Again, she gets up, listens to her mobile phone, comes back, shakes her head and the presidents screw up their papers and throw them on the floor, raising their hands in frustration and disgust. They repeat the process one more time – but this time, before they throw them on the floor, Fajri stands up – and, for the first time in the scene, we hear one of them speak:)*



**Fajri** (addressing Mei) Your government cannot rule out the 2 degree target!! It may be just a number to you but if you reject it, you condemn my country and my people to drowning from sea-level rise!!

*(Lights fade on the Presidents, shaking their heads in sadness as much as frustration.)*

**ST** We left Copenhagen more despondent than we felt in a long time. After all the hope, the lobbying and mobilization..... practically, we achieved NOTHING.

*Lights fade on the Story-teller's group and come up on the central area - on one side of which, the young people gather - despondent; on the other side of which, Tim, Heidi and some of the PEC dancers gather, shaking hands and congratulating each other delightedly. The young people speak:*

**Alec** I don't know what to say

**Thea** I feel crushed

**Erland** [pointing at the Oilmen] Look at them! So happy!

**Fatim** They won. We lost....

**Rhiannon** We mustn't give up

**Thea** But the truth is, there is absolutely NOTHING we can do about it.

### ALL EXIT

*Except Youth. He catches his daughter's eye as she leaves the stage and walks downstage centre, staring into space, thinking. Joseph enters upstage Left into the spotlight, and sings as Youth ponders, reflecting:*

## Song NINE

### I WHO AM I

[Links: VIDEO](#) | [MUSIC SCORE](#) | [BACKING TRACK](#) | [REHEARSAL TRACKS: SOLO](#) | [SOPRANO](#) | [ALTO](#) | [BARITONE](#) | [TENOR](#)

**Joseph** I – who am I, what is this world,  
Why am I here?

I – what am I, what is my cause,  
What must I be?

Is there a reason for living  
And having this place of our own  
What power conceived me?  
Abandoned me to the unknown?

**Joseph  
& Choir** We, who are we? What is this place?  
Why are we here?



We, who are we to be so lost  
And all alone?

Is there a reason for living  
And having this place of our own  
What power conceived me?  
Abandoned me to the unknown?

Joseph  
& Julian

I – who am I, what is this world,  
Why am I here?

**FADE TO BLACK**

## Scene SIX

AN ENDING – CALIFORNIA, USA 2009

Erland      Sorry to burst in – the door was open!

Mei          No – I was hoping you'd come round!

Erland      So – you're really going back to China

Mei          My visa runs out tomorrow

Erland      We're going to miss you

Mei          I'm going to miss you! I don't know what to do. Nothing makes sense any more!

Erland      Remember Prince Hamlet: "There's a divinity that shapes our ends rough hew them how we will!"

Mei          Or, as John Lennon put it: "Turn off your mind, relax and float down stream!"

Erland      Don't think about it too much. I don't believe God has plans to wipe us all off the face of the planet any time soon: she's working things out! Have faith!

Mei          I don't have your gift of faith. I believe in humanity and the strength of our communities. We can achieve so much with our minds without faith in a higher power. I have faith, that soon, all our human advances in science and technology will propel our society into a truly green planet; that the more (we humans) educate ourselves with rational thought based on a global mutual need, the more easily the peace we want to see will just come. I believe in humanity's capabilities.

Erland      I agree!

Mei          - and I think that all this protest we've been doing – all this hate, hate, hate! – It hasn't gotten us anywhere.



- Erland** You – you are the polar opposite of hate. When you’re fired up with protest – it’s love I see in your eyes. Love for us all!
- Mei** Is it that obvious?
- Erland** Of course it is! And it’s wonderful! It’s the only thing that matters.
- Mei** Except that now it’s been crushed under the jackboot of the cruel failure in Copenhagen!
- Erland** That’s a test! My faith and your love will survive a million setbacks and emerge stronger than before.
- Mei** I hope that’s true! Thanks for being my friend! (they hug)

### EXIT

- Erland** (alone) Goodbye, Youth! I have the gift of Faith – she doesn’t. But I believe that God is watching over her and all of us, and nothing will ever change that belief! However bad it gets.... whatever happens – NOTHING – will change that belief..... You see.....

## Song TEN

### I BELIEVE

[Links: VIDEO](#) | [MUSIC SCORE](#) | [BACKING TRACK](#) | [REHEARSAL TRACKS: SOLO](#) | [SOPRANO](#) | [ALTO](#) | [BARITONE](#) | [TENOR](#)

- Erland** If the sun lost it's shine – and the trees started to die!  
I guess I'd still be full of hope – and yes, I know the reason why!
- If the wind grew too old, and the seas started to dry  
Yes I would still be full of love – don't ask – don't ask me why!
- ALL** I still believe in God  
I still believe in us His people!  
And if you really want to know  
I still believe in this His land
- Erland** So don't turn your head away - don't give up on who you are  
Just keep loving more each day - and the world will shine for you!
- I guess it's all in the mind – what you feel is what you see  
So within your heart just sing these words  
Come sing – come sing with me!
- ALL** We believe in God  
We believe in us His people!  
And if you really want to know





We still believe in this His land

We believe in God  
We believe in us His people!  
And if you really want to know  
I believe  
Yes I believe  
I believe  
Yes I believe  
I believe in this His land!

Erland  
ALL  
Erland  
ALL

**BLACK OUT**

## Scene SEVEN

### NEW BEGINNINGS

*The youth come scuttling forward – one clutching an I-pad:*

ALL [severally] What she say? – What she say?

Alec She says we MUST all come to China: she's got people we have to meet. She says that China's Green Economy is the fastest growing in the world. "China is NOT the problem," she says: "China is part of the solution!"

Rhiannon How we gonna get there?

Thea Plane, durgh?!

Karolina Not very eco-friendly –

Eva I guess you could take a sail-boat from San Francisco – but it would take you about 6 months!

Thea Any one know how much we've got left in our account?

Alec About a hundred grand!

Philipp That much?!

Thea Amazing! Cobra really put us on the map, din't she?!

Eva - and our stunts in Copenhagen. Big failure for the governments. Big success for SJCC.

Thea So – what you say we invest in a trip to China?!

Alec We can pitch it as part of our build-up to the Rio+20 Summit. With China onside for that, we



could get a chain reaction going round the world of people young and old linking arms and demanding that their governments take action.

**Karolina** (cynically) Just like we did in Copenhagen, huh!

**Eva** (cynically) It worked so well there, right?

**Thea** Look! Put Copenhagen behind us:

**Rhiannon** Young people have to create something new!

**Eva** A chain reaction??!

**Philippe** A peace train?!!

**Alec** Yeah – if you like!

**ALL** Go for it!

## Scene EIGHT

BEIJING, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA - APRIL 2012

## Song ELEVEN

### PEACE TRAIN

[Links: MUSIC SCORE](#)

**Martin** (4 x bars instrumental)  
Now I've been happy lately  
Thinking about the good things to come  
And I believe it could be  
Something good has begun

**Fajri** Oh, I've been smiling lately  
Dreaming about the world as one  
And I believe it could be  
Some day it's going to come

**ALL** Peace train sounding louder  
Glide on the peace train  
Oo-aah – eeh – ooh – yah!  
Come on the peace train



**Mei** Welcome, my friends, to the Peoples Republic of China!! – home to the fastest growing economy the world has ever seen, and home to some of the most amazing efforts to build a green economy....

*Images on the screen of the Shanghai Skyline mix across to the Forbidden City to the Great Wall to the Birds' Nest Olympic Stadium. Music evokes the culture of China.*

**Alec** It looks just like Manhattan – only cleaner!

**Rhiannon** Yeah - check out the motor scooters: are they electric!?

**Martin** Sure – we've been running electric motor scooters for twenty years now: I cannot understand why they have not caught on in the west?

**Thea** 'Cos we like the deep-throated roar of the Harley-Davidson!

**Fajri** China is building more Eco-Cities than anywhere else in the world!

**Alec** And they're all totally zero-carbon?

**Mei** Yes! China believe deeply in green economy – we are building cheapest solar voltaic sheets and wind turbines in the world.

**Fajri** And our 5-year plan sees 100,000 electric cars on the roads by 2020 – more than the rest of the world can put together.

**Alec** But you're still opening a new brown coal power station every week?

**Mei** Not so much now – and it will get less

**Martin** A green economy must continue the work to eradicate poverty because we still have many millions poor people in West of China!

**Rhiannon** So what happened in Copenhagen?

**Thea** Don't mention Copenhagen!

**Rhiannon** Look to the future! ?

**Thea** Yes?

**Alec** So – you'll be at Rio+20?

**Fajri** Our government has high hopes of a breakthrough deal there.

**Rhiannon** So do we!

**Martin** So you like our Eco-city??



- Mei By 2050 – we have a thousand zero carbon cities – like this one.
- Fajri With vertical farms on every corner.
- Joseph *(dressed in an Arab Dish-dash)* Our's is better! – More Cool!
- Alec Where are you from?
- Joseph Abu Dhabi: we have Masdar – the most advanced, zero carbon eco-city in the World. Come see!  
And we want to know about this Rio+20 – Please come!
- ALL *(severally)* Why not? OK? Sure! I always wanted to go to the Gulf.... etc.

## Song ELEVEN

### PEACE TRAIN

[Links: MUSIC SCORE](#)

- Joseph 'Cause out on the edge of darkness  
There rides a peace train  
Oh, peace train take this country  
Come take me home again
- Mei Oh, I've been smiling lately  
Dreaming about the world as one  
And I believe it could be  
Something good has begun!
- ALL Oh, peace train sounding louder  
Glide on the peace train  
Oo-aah – eeh – ooh – yeh!  
Come on the peace train
- Oh, peace train sounding louder  
Glide on the peace train  
Oo-aah – eeh – ooh – yeh!  
Come on the peace train





## Scene NINE

ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - APRIL 2012

*Images on the screen of Masdar – and details of the Eco-City. Also – the beauty of the Gulf – the dhows, the mosques, and the great tall buildings. Music evokes classical Arabian culture.*

- Kiran** A-salaam-Aleikum – Welcome! to the United Arab Emirates – where East meets West – and Peace shimmers like the pale blue seas of our Gulf!
- Joseph** We know oil is running out – but we know we are rich in renewables...
- Kiran** So – we build Masdar - and, inside it, a new economy based on learning, finance, industry, trade
- Joseph** Now, not even 20% of Abu Dhabi's economy is based on oil revenue now.
- Mei** Impressive.
- Thea** But – I don't see any farms: where do you get your food?
- Joseph** We have some Vertical Farms – and some air-conditioned farms. But most of our food is imported.
- Kiran** We have a scheme now to buy up land in the poorest parts of Africa and train the local people to produce food – not only for us but also for themselves.
- Alec** So – when will the Gulf be totally zero carbon?
- Joseph** Probably 2040, certainly 2050.
- Rhiannon** And then what?
- Kiran** Either solar – or nuclear!
- Olga** Not nuclear! PLEEEESE not nuclear?
- Kiran** Why not? It's a cool technology – and completely carbon free.
- Olga** Come! – Come ride your Peace Train to my home! Come see why nuclear is the hand of death in our country!



## Song ELEVEN

CHERNOBYL SONG



## Scene TEN

### WITNESS TO DISASTER – CHERNOBYL, UKRAINE 2012

Fade up the famous image of the stricken reactor – follow with a slide show of the deserted forests; the abandoned buildings, the polluted pools of water and piles of tailings.

## Song TWELVE

### UKRAINIAN SONG – OR DAVID GORDON’S SONG ABOUT CHERNOBYL

*(This scene will be developed independently by the Ukrainians and Belarussians led by Core Cast member, Olga Pavlova.)*

- Olga** On 26th April 1986 – there was, at a place called Chernobyl, the worst nuclear accident ever. And there’s something else you should look at:
- Alec** What’s that?
- Olga** The dangers of Uranium mining:
- Alec** A lot of it comes from Africa doesn’t it?
- Olga** Yes – and many mine-workers die very young from cancers and other diseases.
- Sergey** And that’s before you’ve talked about the risk of nuclear bombs.
- Mei** So – Nuclear power? Still needs to be improved, right? – because it’s completely carbon-free!
- Thea** Until they can prove it’s safe for the whole world to use!!
- ALL** Right!
- Rhiannon** So - where next?
- Joseph** Come see our farms! In Africa!
- Kiran** See how we’re reducing Poverty there!!



## Scene ELEVEN

A VISIT TO AFRICA – MAY 2012

## Song ELEVEN

### PEACE TRAIN

[Links: MUSIC SCORE](#)

**Fatim  
& Michael** Get your bags together  
Go bring your good friends too  
'Cause it's getting nearer  
Soon it will be with you

And come and join the living  
It's not so far from you!  
And it's getting nearer  
Soon it will all true

**ALL** Oh, peace train sounding louder  
Glide on the peace train  
Oo-aah – eeh – ooh – yeh!  
Come on the peace train

*Fade up Images of African villages in the Savannah; African Markets, fields full of vegetables etc.*

**Fajri** So – these are your farms in Africa?

**Michael** Wonderful. Wonderful – ! They're growing very well. We make good money now.

**Joseph** And how is the Health Clinic?

**Michael** Thank you! We have had no child deaths at all so far this year – praise the lord!

**Joseph** Allah al Akhbar! Yes – and your family is well?

**Michael** Better than ever, sir! – and we have only you to thank for that....

**Mei** Our friend here does not seem so convinced?

**Fatim** No – it is good. No doubt we are living better than we did before. But now – again – we are slaves





to a foreign master.

Michael

Ach! – No – she is joking, sir, Joking!

Fatim

No I'm not: this land belongs to me – to my father and all my ancestors stretching back thousands of years. Just because you people have money does not mean that they should be allowed to buy or to own our land. Land is the only thing we have: often it is not very good land – but it is our's. We should not sell it for money....

Kiran

But we gave you good price –

Fatim

My land has no Price! It is not a commodity – it is part of my soul! You cannot buy my soul...

Thea

Her views need to be heard at Rio+20, no?

Fajri

Culture is vital to Development, isn't it?!

ALL

Yes!

Kiran

On to Rio!!



## Scene TWELVE

RIO+20 – RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL – JUNE 2012

## Song ELEVEN

### PEACE TRAIN

[Links: MUSIC SCORE](#)

*A big picture of the Rio bay comes up behind the Carnival Queen and Dancers!*

*Music: Bossa Nova rhythms: (to be created by our Brazilian Band)*

Denise

Now I've been crying lately,  
Thinking about the world as it is  
Why must we go on hating  
We can't we live in Bliss?!

'Cause out on the edge of darkness  
There rides a peace train  
Oh, peace train take this country  
Come take me home again

ALL

Oh, peace train sounding louder  
Glide on the peace train  
Oo-aah – eeh – ooh – yeh!  
Come on the peace train

Mariana

Bemvenidos in Rio de Janeiro

Fatim

Wow! – What a city!

Thea

No wonder they got the Olympic games AND the World Cup!

Alec

Does it have a green economy?

Mariana

Well, here in Brazil, we've been making ethanol out of sugar cane for decades...

Mei

But they are still clear-cutting the rain forest

Julian

Right – there are now laws against it but, as we found out, laws on paper are one thing: laws obeyed and policed on the ground are quite another...

Fatim

So – what's the plan?



**Mariana** Well – our Brazilian National Youth Council is hosting a Youth Blast Model Earth Summit to come up with all the solutions that the Heads of State need to think about!

**Thea** And we’re invited?

**Mariana** Of course!

**ALL** Great!

**Alec** Let me guess! – you’re going to have FIVE committees – ?

**Julian** Right – what would you have them be on?

**Alec** Energy and Climate Change?

**Julian** – water, minerals, fisheries – the general sustainability of all Resources. That’s One!

**ALL** Great!

**Mei** Education + Training for the Green Economy!

**Mariana** And Education for All! That’s the second;

**ALL** Terrific!

**Thea** Environment: World Legal Protection of biodiversity, the forests, oceans

**ALL** Of course! THREE

**Fatim** And development, nutrition, health, jobs, safety nets: is that one?!

**Mariana** That’s the FOURTH – one more!

**Alec** What are we missing? – *[They all scratch their heads, thinking]*

**Mariana** What’s the thing that only youth seem to think about in relation to sustainability?

**Jullian** The thing that governments and the UN left out of the Millennium Development Goals? *(He points his hand as if to shoot him! The penny drops!)*

**Rhiannon** What would Gandhi be talking about here?

**Mei** Peace!!

**ALL** Of course! Right! *[ – they hi-five each other, laughing!]*

**Mariana** Human rights – R2P – all that good stuff which the UN has passed and governments prefer to forget...



- Julian      Along with good governance, anti-corruption measures, Democracy, Rule of Law, etc!
- ALL        Right!
- Thea        What's R2P?
- Fatim      The Right of all citizens, every where in the world, to the Protection of their Human Rights from governments, foreign invaders, corporateions – everything.
- Thea        Where did that come from?
- Rhiannon    The United Nations of course!
- Thea        It's a great idea!
- Mei        Shame it doesn't work. Look at Libya –
- Joseph     Look at Syria
- Alec        So – we have FIVE Committees!
- Fatim      Great!! – so how long have we got?!
- Julian      The other youth arrive tonight – and the Governments come in on Sunday. So we have three days max –
- Mei        Plenty of time!
- Thea        Three days to save the world? No problem!
- Mariana    Great – so let's get to it!

The lights change; the Story-teller comes forward alone, and narrates:

- ST        The young people had their decision by the middle of the second day. By contrast, the governments, who had already been negotiating for six months, didn't have their's by the time the Heads of State were due to arrive a week later. So the Government of Brazil, with UN support, determined to have a final document and, working over a week-end, delivered a non-negotiable 'Focussed Political Statement' on the Monday morning to a waiting world.





## Scene THIRTEEN

### REALITY SUCKS! – RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL – JUNE 2012

*Lights change – the Youth team enter, one of them reading the document. They are in shock.*

**Fatim** (reading) Nothing – I mean absolutely NOTHING!

**Alec** Nothing about harmful subsidies: no green taxes?

**Mei** (Scanning through the pages) General statements: no firm commitments.

**Joseph** Nothing about Peace and de-militarisation?

**Erland** Not a word! There's nothing remotely close to our proposals in any of it.

**Danielle** I always said: we're way too ambitious for them!

**Mariana** But we had to be!

**Rhiannon** If you're hurtling towards a precipice, there's no time to faff about!

**Thea** You just have to grab the wheel and change direction!

**AJ** I thought the UN was supposed to bang heads together! – get results!

**Mei** Not any more. The member states seem to like a weak and ineffectual UN.

**Fatim** None of the G-8 Heads of State even turned up

**AJ** Copenhagen blues?!

**Alec** Exactly!

**Mariana** One did! The French guy, Francois Hollande –

**Julian** – but he only stayed for an hour! He gave his speech, posed for the photograph, then left.

**AJ** It sucks, doesn't it?

**Alec** Wait! – so what do we do?

**ALL** (together) What do we do?

**Mariana** We do together!

**ALL** We do together



Mei	Resist together
ALL	Resist together
Thea	Not in our Name!
Youth	Not in our Name!
Rhiannon	We withdraw our support
ALL	Withdraw our Support
Fatim	Stage a Walk Out
ALL	Stage a Walk Out
AJ	Protest to the Media
ALL	Protest to the Media
Joseph	Tell the World!
ALL	Tell the World!
Julian	NOT IN OUR NAME
ALL	NOT IN OUR NAME!!
Erland	You will NOT Destroy the Planet in OUR NAME!!!
ALL	YOU - WILL - NOT - DESTROY - THE - PLANET - IN - OUR - NAME!!

*They come together in a tight knot of people at the centre of the stage, punching the air!*

**BLACK OUT**



## Scene FOURTEEN

### A CHANCE MEETING IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL - JUNE 2012

*The Boy and the Girl walk in, arm-in-arm, crossing the stage. Youth, the Oilman, is hurrying across the other way. The Boy accosts Youth!*

**Alec** Tim— what the hell are you doing here?!

**Tim** – how great to see you! How ya all doin’?

**Alec** Fine – fine!

**Thea** Answer the question, Daddy: what are you doin’ here?

**Tim** I’m a part of the United Nations Sustainable Energy for All programme – UNIDO, World Bank, European Commission, Bank of America – it’s a great initiative!

**Mei** I heard! You’ve raised a trillion dollars!

**Tim** Getting there – yes!

**Erland** It’s great to hear that something in the UN is working well.

**Tim** The UN leadership is brilliant! It’s working really well – and it is the most important thing: you know – when you get cheap, sustainable energy, everything else – jobs, economic growth, poverty eradication – it all follows. But - I heard your Youth Delegation walked out of the Summit!

**ALL** We did! Sorry....

**Tim** No!! Well done you: it’s about time those lazy, good-for-nothing Member States got a good kicking. They’re holding us all back. What are you planning now? I heard you raised a good bit of money on the back of that show we did a few years back.

**Alec** We did

**Thea** – and we’ve got a good bit of it left.

**Mei** Truth is – we don’t know what to do now.

**Tim** Well - you are in the best possible place right now. You’ve walked away from the Governments and the UN. So now you’ve got to do something HUGE! Tahrir Square – Occupy – Arab Spring – Indignadoes - March on Washington ... Wrap it all up into one huge Action and blow the governments away! It will be great!

**Mei** If you say so.



- Tim** But you must DO so! I can't – and neither can the UN. They're hog-tied by bureaucracy and the fact that they have 193 bosses. You – the youth! – are free agents: and look at you, uniting nations across borders in a way that diplomats can only dream about! You can make the UN work – and you must, because you and I need this organisation to work for our future....
- Alec** How?
- Tim** I don't know! You're the activist. You have to construct a community of nations that works!
- Mei** No pressure then?!
- Tim** Yes, pressure!! Huge Pressure! But, if you can't do it, no one else will!
- Erland** We have to get every one around a table and thrash these things out! You, the Corporations; we, the youth; them – the governments! Everyone!
- Tim** Yeah! Governments too!
- Mei** But governments don't want a strong UN!
- Alec** They don't like any one telling them what to do!
- Thea** But they must – if we're to have any kind of future....
- Tim** You're right! – Go for it! I'll help!
- Thea** Thanks Daddy....

*They hug / shake hands – and move off stage as lights....*

**FADE FAST TO BLACK**





## Scene FIFTEEN

COP-19 - WARSAW, POLAND – DECEMBER 2013

Thea comes forward into the Spotlight to sing. The rest of the cast gather round her – and then the whole chorus – singing, pointing, menacing. Angry!

## Song FIFTEEN

### WORLD SO BLIND

[Links: VIDEO](#)

**Thea** For every gain there is a natural loss  
In every church each temple and each mosque  
For every paradise there must be a hell  
In every saint the devil dwells  
For every mountain there must be a plain  
In every sea a piece of land

**Thea & Michael** But what we gonna do when it all runs out  
What we gonna say when its to late  
Are we going to blame it all on someone else  
Just not ourselves??

**Michael** Hungry children with their sunken eyes  
Holding out their hands in vain  
Wealthy nations with their mountains of food  
Excuses flaunted without shame  
No one seems to be responsible  
No one wants to take the blame

**Thea & Michael** But what we gonna do when it all runs out  
What we gonna say when it's to late  
Are we gonna blame it all on someone else  
Just not ourselves??

**Thea, Michael & Anna-Sofie** World so blind, pretending as if nothing is wrong  
Hey there man, I'm talking to you  
Wait a minute don't walk away now  
Yes it's you, not someone else on a different floor  
I mean you, they'll be breaking down your door  
Blaming you forever more



**Anna-Sofie** Little families in their broken down boats  
 Going for a sail today they'd say  
 Tankers laden with the wealth of the world  
 They wave then turn away  
 Countries argue over who when and where  
 But do they really care

**Thea,  
 Michael &  
 Anna-Sofie** And what we gonna do when it all runs out....  
 What we gonna say when it's too late  
 Are we gonna blame it all on someone else  
 just not ourselves??

**ALL** World so blind, pretending as if nothing is wrong  
 Hey there man, I'm talking to you  
 Wait a minute don't turn away now  
 Yes it's you, not someone else on a different floor  
 I mean you, they'll be breaking down your door  
 Blaming you forever more

World so blind, pretending as if nothing is wrong  
 Hey there man, I'm talking to you  
 Wait a minute don't turn away now  
 Yes it's you, not someone else on a different floor  
 I mean you, they'll be breaking down your door  
 Blaming you forever more

*The cast hold a tableau at the end of the song. Then the Chorus go back to their seats – and the core cast mill about on stage, looking lost. Some – think of an idea, then have second thoughts – and don't want to mention it for fear of seeming foolish.*

**Philippe** What are we going to do?

**Fajri** Something HUGE – but what?

**Julio** I think we should all just go home, knuckle down to our studies and forget about it!

**Thea** You're kidding, right?!

**Julio** Is there anything else we can do?!

**Alec** We've danced about in Polar Bear suits.

**Philippe** We stopped the traffic on the Golden Gate Bridge -



- Rhiannon - we've mobilised thousands of young people around the world to come to Rio+20 and now this Warsaw Climate COP thingammy....
- Fajri None of it did any good!
- Alec What do you suggest?
- Julio What would Gandhi do? *[They all stop and look at the Girl – who smiles, weakly]*
- Rhiannon You know what Gandhi would do?
- Alec Non-violent Protest
- Rhiannon Hunger Strike?!
- Fajri What are you suggesting? We all starve ourselves to death?!
- Julio That's well sustainable!
- Alec No – but think about it: a Consumption strike! We tell our elders: “NO! – we're not going to consume your stupid goods! We're not going to buy your stupid cars or TVs... We're not going to go to your stupid schools and learn your stupid, crap lessons!”
- Rhiannon We're going to “Be the Change we want to see in the world!”
- Philippe Kids on Strike!
- Fajri But we are going to eat!?
- Rhiannon Yes – but just sustainable food!
- ALL OK! Sounds good! Awesome... etc.
- Fajri Kids on Strike!! Cool!

**BLACK OUT**



## Scene SIXTEEN

### KIDS ON STRIKE – DECEMBER 2013

*A slide of the world comes up on the screen – with the outline of 193 Countries; slowly, through the scene, the countries go red – and the dial at the top clicks over to a Billion Kids. The Core Cast come on stage – one of them carrying a laptop computer.*

**Rhiannon**      How are we going to do this?

**Thea**            Simple: when I click on this symbol here, this e-mail goes out to a 100 million youth leaders and youth councils worldwide, inviting them to join the school strike!

**Philippe**      *(whistles)* One HUNDRED Million?!

**Thea**            Yes – and you’d join a school strike, wouldn’t you?

**Philippe**      ‘Course I would!

**Fajri**            Time off school?

**Julio**           It’s a no-brainer!

**Alec**            But that’s exactly NOT the point: this is a Consumption Strike, not a school strike!

**Rhiannon**      Our point is that, while the kids are off school, they’ll take the time to learn about what really matters.

**Julio**            How to build the Green Economy

**Alec**            Create Green Jobs for all

**Philippe**      Avoid catastrophic climate change

**Fajri**            OK, OK! I know! But for normal mortals, this is about time off school, OK?!

**Thea**            And the goal is to get the UN Security Council to consider our Model Earth Summit treaties –

**Julio**            Definitely!! The minute they call the Meeting, the Strike’s off!

**Fajri**            Great! – So push the button!

*They push the button – and a spiders web spreads out across the map*

**Thea**            Let’s see who’s online!

**Martin**        Where’s that? *(A country goes red in Eastern Europe)*





Philippe Estonia!!

Rhiannon Estonia I love you!

Betsy Look – there’s Canada wired!

Martin What does it mean, “wired”?

Thea It means that they have circulated the call to every youth in their country!

Martin And they’ll all come out?

Erland ‘Course they will! Believe, man! Have faith!

Alec This is going to work!

Fajri Boom – there goes India!

*They watch and improvise lines – as more countries go red.*

Julio Arriba!! Yeah!! - Latin America!

AJ C’mon – “KIDS ON STRIKE!”

ALL “KIDS ON STRIKE!” “KIDS ON STRIKE!”

Martin *(to the audience)* Are you with us? C’mon – Stamp your feet!

ALL *(with the audience)* “KIDS ON STRIKE!” “KIDS ON STRIKE!”

*They stamp and shout – quicker and quicker until the whole world filled with red. They stop – and one country goes green!*

Fajri What does the Green mean!

Alec That means they’re actually out on the streets!

Betsy Woh! Canada! Awesome!

Mei Look! – China!! Hey-hey-Hey!!

AJ California’s Happening!

Thea But the Southern States....?

Martin Europe?

Fajri Wired – but not happening.....



Julio Why?

Thea We have to get the call to action into every European Language

Fajri And every Asian Language

Julio We did Spanish, so Latin America is Huge!

Thea No worries! With Google Translate – this'll take about 20 minutes!

Michael *(entering from upstage left)* I just got a text from a friend at State: there's talk of a high-level meeting of the UN Security Council to discuss our Call to Action!

ALL Great / Sweet / No kidding! Etc.

ALL *(with the audience)* "KIDS ON STRIKE!" "KIDS ON STRIKE!"

*The chorus takes the chant out into the audience – processing down the aisles – getting the audience on their feet and chanting with ever greater volume and intensity. The gentleman in the Pork-pie hat with a 'PRESS' ticket in it comes on stage!*

Eva What the Hell's going on?

Denise No idea – but it's a Hell of a story!

*The chorus changes the chant - getting the audience to chant with them!*

Alec What do we want?!

Response CHANGE!

Alec When do we want it?!

Response NOW!"

*They speed it up, faster and Faster – until they are all chanting:*

ALL "CHANGE! NOW! CHANGE! NOW!"

*Suddenly, they stop – music! The whole screen is now Green. The Pressmen come on, singing:*

Press It's a story! A mega mega story!  
Headline Story, definitely front page news -

*One of the Youth comes in holding an I-phone:*

Martin *(Very excited!!)* Ab! – Ab! – EEK!!! – you're not going to believe this: *(reading)* "The Governments of the People's Republic of China, Brazil and the United States of America have ordered a full



meeting of the United Nations Security Council to allow the leaders of the School Strike to present their Call to Action for the Green Economy!!”

*The young people shout and cheer and clap and holler. The Press stand – stunned!*

Youths            Incredible!!!

Press & Chorus sing

It's a story! A HUGE – ENORMOUS! - story!  
Incredible Story, Mega Mega front page news -

Newsnight satellite, print it right,  
Broad side, nationwide, any side!  
Front page, centre-fold, get it sold!

Extra, extra, read all about it!  
Headlines Headlines no doubt about it!  
Extra, extra - read all about it!  
Headlines, Headlines - take it home and shout it!

Front Page!  
Build it high!

Print it bold!  
Reach the sky!

Make 'em shout!  
Make 'em cry!

Youth go meet the leaders of the World!!



## Scene SEVENTEEN

UNITED NATIONS – NEW YORK, USA JANUARY 2014

*Lights change – the Big UN symbol appears on the screen at the back of the stage. The Core Cast is split between those in dark suits, playing diplomats, and those in jeans who come as youth activists. Tim comes in with the Youth Activists.*

Mei Tim! – you came!

Tim How do you think you got the US State Dept. to support this?

Thea Thank you, Daddy!

Tim No – thank you! This is HUGE!

*The diplomats come in and sit around a horseshoe table designed to represent the UN Security Council Chamber. The Secretary General (S G) sits at the apex of the table and raps his gavel:*

Betsy Good morning everyone. We are gathered here to listen to the ideas of young people – who have added an urgency to our task of building a Green Economy. I am pleased to declare this Special Session of the UN Security Council Open! I invite the distinguished representative of the Government of the United States to address us first:

Heidi My government's reasons for calling this meeting were both pragmatic – to get our Young People to go back to school! – and idealistic: we have read their Call to Action for the Green Economy and, though naïve in parts, it is a considerably better document than the one we were able to agree at the recent Summit in Rio. So – please: join me in welcoming these young people! (Polite applause)

Rhiannon It is an honour to address your Excellencies in this iconic chamber! As we say in the Preamble to our Call, humanity stands at a crossroads: one way leads to prosperity and security in a green economy. The other leads over a precipice to human extinction along with the extinction of many of the great creatures with whom we share this planet.

Alec We called the world's young people out on strike because we wanted them to know WHY we have to appeal to you to start the transition from the Brown to the Green Economy. We urge you to discover the same unity as we have and work with us to make the changes we need...

Joseph The United Nations was set up to 'save succeeding generations from the scourge of war' – and to secure our human rights, to provide food security, water security, personal security of our persons from violence or harm... Your recent move towards a Right To Protect was a bold and courageous initiative to bolster that commitment.

Mei But - our continuing dependence on the Brown Economy threatens every aspect of that 'Security' which you seek to ensure for us. This is why we call on you to transition away from it.





- Mariana** Rapidly! If you don't – why would any of my generation contemplate bringing children into a world that's headed the way the Brown Economy is leading it.
- Ashleigh** But this Call of your's transcends the frontiers of reason! Total de-militarisation, nuclear disarmament, global welfare and energy safety net, reducing carbon emissions to 350 parts per million??!! It's absurd! We're at 390 already!! 450ppm is the lowest anyone around this table is considering ...
- Thea** 350ppm is the only sure way we can ensure our world survives: look how fast the ice-caps and the glaciers are melting at 390?
- Fatim** 450 is a band-aid. You know that. We know that! We love this planet: we want you to start building the Future We Want now because, by the time we're sitting where you are today, it will be too late!
- Betsy** Thank you – and now, Excellencies, may I suggest that we go through the Children's Call to Action line by line – and see where we can find consensus?
- Mei** (*whispers*) Why do they keep calling us 'Children'?!
- Heidi** With respect, Secretary General, may I raise a Point of Information?
- Betsy** Go ahead:
- Heidi** Does this meeting today mean that any interest group can use a campaign of civil disobedience to get access to this chamber?
- Betsy** Absolutely not.
- Heidi** Good, can we have some kind of guarantee that their campaign will be called off?
- Betsy** Excellencies, the campaign is already called off!
- Ashleigh** A further point of information, Chairman: my government has a representative system of local, regional and national youth councils that allow the voice of youth to be heard in government. Are any of the views expressed in this Call the result of deliberations within such representative systems? – or any process that would give them some democratic legitimacy?
- Thea** They were certainly consulted, Excellencies. But – we find that elected youth officials, like every other elected official, seem more interested in winning their next election than addressing long-term issues like these. I trust that governments here have the long-term interests of future generations in mind this morning: their interests are every bit as legitimate as any youth bureaucrat sitting on a Youth Council.
- Ashleigh** Thank you. As I suspected, this Call for Action has no democratic legitimacy and we are only discussing it because we've been forced to do so by civil disobedience.
- Julio** (*Shouting Out*) Isn't a Billion Young People out on Strike enough for you?



**Betsy** Your points are noted, Excellency. This morning is, of course, a general discussion – following which, if Excellencies agree, a report will be delivered to the 3rd Committee in the Fall. Again, if the Committee agrees – a resolution may be drafted and forwarded to the General Assembly at its session next year – and, if carried, will have voluntary, advisory status to member states. Is that an acceptable programme?

**Fatim** Next year!!!!??

**Betsy** Given that there is no particular urgency, I suggest we take a coffee break now – and return to consider the Call in our second session. We resume in twenty minutes. Thank you! (he slaps the gavel – and they all EXIT)

*The kids remain – looking at each other, trying to smile, but all a little shell-shocked*

**Rhiannon** What was that all about??

**Fatim** Where are the grown-ups?!! If these are the people we’re trusting to save the world – we’re toast!

**Julio** “No particular sense of urgency...” Which planet did she come from?

**Erland** Come on – she was the one decent one in the whole group!

**Fajri** But here – look at this: *(going through the papers on one desk)* “Instructions from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: “On No Account allow serious consideration of the Children’s proposals...”

**Mei** Why do they keep calling us ‘Children’?

**Anna-Sofie** Because they don’t want to take us seriously!

**Fajri** Bastards! – they never were going to do anything...

**Mariana** They’re just going through the motions to get us to call off the strike!

**Alec** They have betrayed us. They screwed us in Copenhagen! – again in Rio – in failing to meet their Kyoto commitments

**Rhiannon** – or the MDGs!

**Joseph** They stood by, powerless, as the Arab Spring turned into the Arab Winter;

**Anna-Sofie** Delivering Humanity from the Scourge of War...

**Joseph** Tell that to the people in my country?!!

**Fajri** *(whispering)* – what’s his country?

**Thea** Syria!



- Fatim** What a joke!
- Mei** And the Green Economy's a more distant dream than ever
- Fatim** The UN has let us down every step of the way
- Mariana** We need new governments....
- Joseph** New people to sit in these chairs!
- Alec** *(grinning mischievously)* Well! – Look – that sign says USA. I know I can do a better job of representing my country than that idiot!
- Mei** That sign says China – you know I'm from there....

*Slowly, they fill the chairs around the horseshoe table. The Boy and the Girl go to the SG's chair*

- Erland** Can we be your gender-balanced co-chairs?
- Fatim** Great idea! –
- Rhiannon** All those in favour? *(All raise their hands)*
- Fajri** *(looking at the audience)* But what do we do about them?
- Martin** Oh *(-turning to the audience)* – you're still here?! So all of you are now caught up in this with us.... If you're not OK with that, you'd better leave the room NOW!
- Fajri** 'Cos if you stay, you're either with us, or against us!

**DROP-IN FOUR**

- Erland** *(slapping the gavel)* We call this meeting of the Young People's UN Security Council to order!
- A.Sofie** First motion, please!
- Fajri** I move we agree our Climate Change target of 350ppm and the \$43 Trillion dollar Investment Fund for the immediate transition to a Green Economy. Do I have a seconder?
- Fatim** I second that on behalf of Future Generations!
- A.Sofie** All those in favour?
- Erland** Come on – raise those hands!

*All raise their hands. The Boy slaps the gavel:*

- A.Sofie** Agreed! Unanimously!! Next - ?
- Rhiannon** I move our Sustainability Education bill – to “Re-orient Education towards sustainability!”



- Mariana “That every Youth is instructed in the science of sustainability from the day they enter primary school to the day they graduate university!” I second!
- A.Sofie All those in favour? *(all raise their hands. The Girl slaps the gavel)*
- Erland Agreed! Next - ?
- Joseph I move our comprehensive Peace, nuclear disarmament and de-militarisation Treaty –
- Erland Remind me...
- Julio The UN Standing Army
- Joseph No! – the UN Police Force designed to separate opposing forces in Syria, police the UN-sanctioned referendums, broker the 2-state solution for Israel / Palestine with Jerusalem hosting both capitals; and supervise the re-distribution of permanent seats on the UN Security Council to regional blocs.
- A.Sofie It runs to 18-pages: its pretty comprehensive.
- Mei I know – we all supported it. I second...
- Erland All those in favour? *(all raise their hands. He smacks down the gavel!)* Agreed!
- A.Sofie Next?
- Thea I move our agreement for the Tobin Tax which gives the UN authority to raise and spend direct taxes to create a global welfare and energy safety net. A seconder please?
- Julio Me!!
- A.Sofie All those in favour? *(all raise their hands; the gavel smacks down!)* Agreed!
- Erland Next - ? – we’re running out of time here –
- Mei The Environmental Security Council
- Martin That was my idea! I second that!
- A.Sofie All those in favour? *(all raise their hands. He smacks down the gavel!)* Agreed!
- Erland Great!
- Fajri Time for one more – if we’re lucky!
- Mariana R2P?
- A.Sofie Sure – go for it!





- Julio It's a bit fuzzy this one...
- Joseph Not fuzzy at all: "We hold it our sacred duty as citizens of planet earth to protect the human rights and dignity of all the peoples with whom we share this earth. We therefore commit to serve and protect those rights against all who would try to violate them – individually, communally, nationally, regionally and globally."
- Mei I think that's pretty clear!
- Martin We're talking about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights actually meaning what it says. I second that!
- A.Sofie All those in favour! *(all raise their hands)* Agreed *(He slaps the gavel as the Diplomats come in, led by the Secretary-General. They stop, astonished at the young people occupying their chairs at the Summit table.)*
- Betsy What the - ? What's going on here??!!
- Danielle We decided we'd help things along a bit –
- Fajri – get done in your coffee break what might take you guys 40 years to do!
- Mei By which time, you'll be dead and our world will be fried!
- Ashleigh This is outrageous – they've been looking through our confidential briefings!
- Fatim Yeah! – embarrassing isn't it: to know you planned to agree absolutely nothing!
- Heidi Get these kids outta here! Call Security!!
- Alec No!! – we should call security on you!
- Joseph You are the threat to OUR security!
- AJ Mr Secretary General: you must agree! This is a most shocking breach of UN security – you must allow us to eject these Children immediately.
- Betsy Not a breach of security, but a breach of protocol, certainly, so I think our young friends had better leave.
- Rhiannon And let you faff around for another 40 years!
- Thea Not likely.
- Ashleigh Their insolence is insupportable. Call Security!
- Thea I suggest you re-consider: one click on my I-phone here and the billion young people who've been on strike these last weeks will come out again.



- Fatim      Think how that will make you look in the media?!
- Julio      And to your governments who think you are solving their problem!??
- Betsy      What would you have us do?
- Mariana      Love us!
- Rhiannon      Love our future!!
- Erland      Recognise that love – not suspicion and mistrust – is what will get results in the effort to unite nations!
- Joseph      Harness the power of Love!

## Song SIXTEEN

### LOVE WILL TEACH YOU THIS

Links: VIDEO

- Mariana      A step is all you need right now  
 Accept that love's the greatest power  
 A force that makes life Beautiful  
 Abides in each and every one
- Love, love will teach you this  
 A kiss, a kiss is what there is  
 A touch when you hold your lover's hand  
 A sigh when you look into her eyes  
 And there you see your heart's desire  
 And love is burning like a fire
- So take, take it while it's there  
 Take the smile, the love, the tears  
 There is no guarantee for love  
 So never miss a chance to say
- Love – love will bring you this  
 Love – love will make you rich  
 A new beginning to your life  
 A paradise before your eyes  
 And there you see your heart's desire  
 A love is burning like a fire
- Love – even for a single day  
 Is better than if it never came  
 So take it when it comes your way



A flower inside you let it say that –

Love – love will bring you this  
Love – love will make you rich  
A new beginning to your life  
A paradise before your eyes  
Love, love will teach you this  
Hold on to every smile and kiss  
Who knows how long that it will last  
Before your paths will part

Love – love will bring you this  
Love – love will make you rich  
A new beginning to your life

A feeling that you've lived



## Scene EIGHTEEN

### BACK TO THE FUTURE – PEACE DAY 2050

*The spotlight picks out the Story-teller and her group as they return to the stage watching the diplomats and youth at work around the horse-shoe table. During the scene – they, and the Chorus – slip away and the stage is cleared.*

- Child 4     **DROP-IN FIVE**     So – was that it?
- Child 3     All done and dusted in a 20-minute coffee break?
- ST     No! It took for ever! The rest of our lives, in fact. We kept coming back to that stifling room for years. After a few weeks, we realized what massive obstacles diplomats faced.
- Child 1     So – what did you do?
- ST     We became good friends with them! We laughed a lot – and we sang, and we compromised and we banged heads together: we refused to take ‘No!’ for an answer.
- Child 2     But what happened when, like my Mum says: ‘No means no!?’
- ST     We found another way. There’s always another way: it’s hard – but when you have a billion eager young people breathing down your neck and demanding results around the clock, you can’t afford to give up. And we didn’t want to – and neither did they! For the first time in their lives, they were achieving stuff – they were cabling their capitals, telling their governments what they had to do. It was great!
- Child 4     Which one were you?
- ST     I was just one of the gang – not a very important one.
- Child 5     Are you still friends
- ST     Of course! Friends like that you never lose! But we don’t see each other that much
- Child 6     I think you were the Gandhi girl?!
- ST     What do you mean?
- Child 1     You were the one quoting Gandhi at them?
- ST     How do you know about Gandhi?
- Child 2     He’s the first lesson in our history books.
- Child 3     We all learn about him and his spinning wheel





- Child 5            - and his funny dhoti!
- Child 4            School starts with Peace Makers now, didn't you know?
- ST                I didn't.
- Child 6            That's the first lesson of every child – to be a Peace Child.
- Child 1            Surely you know that?
- ST                That's excellent! So – do you learn the legend?
- Child             The legend of the Peace Child?
- ST                Yes! - "When ancient tribes made peace, they sealed it by exchanging a baby: each baby grew up with the other's tribe and if, in the future, conflict threatened, each tribe would send out that child to negotiate a peace.....
- Child 1            ... such a child was called a 'Peace Child'!
- Child             We all learn it – we're all supposed to learn it.
- Child             Even the naughty ones
- Child             And some of us are very naughty....
- ST                But Strong! You have to be Strong to work for peace! It's much easier to grumble and pick an argument...
- Child             We all have to be Peace Children...
- Child 1            That's our job, isn't it?
- ST                Of course!
- Child 5            Don't worry! We will do it –
- Child 3            - if the world ever needs us to do it again.
- ST                That's very comforting, thank you!
- Child 2            Come on! The party's starting
- Child 1            You don't want to miss the Peace Day Party, do you?
- ST                Never
- Children          Happy Peace Day, story-teller!



Child 4        - and thanks for the story!

ST              Thank you! Thank you all! Happy Peace Day, everyone!!

*Cast & Chorus enter at the back of the theatre, dancing down the aisles – the dance troupe enter on stage, reprising the dance from the top of the show:*

Chorus        Come into my joy. Come into my pain.  
                  Come you'll be a friend of mine  
                  I'll be the same X 2

*Cast & Chorus and Dancers end up in a tableau at the end for the Curtain call and, we hope, a photo with M. Gorbachev. A few words of thanks, ending with thanks to the Composer and a request to sing his tribute song to Martin Luther King.*



# Song SEVENTEEN

## CHILD FOR A DAY

[Links: VIDEO](#) | [MUSIC SCORE](#) | [BACKING TRACK](#) | [VOCAL](#) | [INSTRUMENTAL](#)

Martin

I was a child who ran full of laughter  
I was a child who lived for a day  
My eyes full of sunshine  
My heart full of smiles  
I was a child for a day.

Mei

We were the children who sang in the morning  
We were the children who laughed at the sun  
Who listened to those who spoke with their wisdom  
We were the ones we would say

Martin  
& Mei

We're getting older as time goes by  
A little older every day  
We are the children of yesterday.

We are the men who worry of nothing  
We are the men who fight without aim  
Who listen to no one yet speak of our wisdom  
We are the pawns in the game.

We're getting older as time goes by  
A little older every day  
We are the children of yesterday.

I was a child who ran full of laughter  
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My heart full of smiles  
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# Song EIGHTEEN

## I HAVE A VISION

[Links: VIDEO](#) | [MUSIC SCORE](#) | [BACKING TRACK: SOPRANO](#) | [SOPRANO SOLO](#) | [ALTO](#) | [BARITONE](#) | [TENOR](#) | [TENOR SOLO](#)

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