

16 EcoHymns

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1: Like-minds

*Inspiration: There is a green hill
composed by W. Horsley, 1774 – 1858*

There is a dream so far away
it seems out of our reach.
Yet the best place to find its source
our hearts alone can teach.

2: Earthly Paradise

*Inspiration: The Lord's my Shepherd: Crimond
Music: Jessie Seymour Irvine 1872*

The dream of earthly paradise
is one we all can share.
To help it grow within our hearts
Love's greatest task and prayer.

3: The Great Vision

*Inspiration: Be Thou My Vision
Ancient Irish poem, 8th century
Traditional Irish melody*

Crazy my vision, yet wild hope lives on
that one day all species will live life as one.
Take no other model than Earth and her Sun,
Our planet's own patterns of how to become.

4: Infinite Love

*Inspiration: Morning has broken
Original lyrics: Eleanor Farjeon 1881 - 1965*

Inner sun shining
bright as the new day.
Energy dancing
lives in my blood.
Now is the birthing,
future rehearsing.
Miracles meaning
infinite love.

5: The miracle is life

*Inspiration: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind,
composed by John Greenleaf Whittier, 1807 - 92*

Dear Earth, sustainer of our lives,
to you we owe the most.
Tomorrow's dream is dawning fast
A caring vision made to last.
This story of our time,
this story of our time.

6: Nature is our Greatest Ally

*Inspiration: Glorious Things of Thee are spoken
composed by A Sullivan, 1842 – 1900*

Nature is our greatest ally,
befriend her and we will find -
She speaks to us through our senses.
Touch and taste, sight, scent and sound.
Refuge for the weary-hearted.
Solace to the wounded soul.
Our own lives all ways supported
Earth's great healing makes us whole.

7: The Beauty Way

*Inspiration: Jerusalem
Original Lyrics: William Blake 1757 – 1827. Written 1804
Music: Sir Hubert Parry 1848 – 1918. Composed 1916*

And does the sun that burns so bright
banish the darkness of our minds?
And will we change, like river-flow
by unseen currents that we find?
And dare to rise, the clouds create,
till rainbows send our visions far?
And crown enlightenment our birth-rite,
The quest of every human star?

8: To bless the Earth

*Inspiration: Amazing Grace
composed by John Newton, 1779*

To bless the Earth, the miracle
we all can freely share.
Share in its power to change the world
for people everywhere.

9: Our Shared Home

*Inspiration: Immortal, invisible, God only wise
composed by Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824 – 1908*

I love Earth. Her beauty shines out every day
in landscapes, in dream-scapes, places far away.
Inspiring my heart with such strength, joy and hope,
I'm part of life's web; that most sacred of homes.

10: Alive in me

*Inspiration: Abide with me
composed by W. H. Monk, 1823 - 89*

Alive in me
the choices we all make.
Hating or loving,
destroy or create.
Predate or live in wild symbiosis.
Every emotion is alive in us.

11: Come then, fellow travellers

Inspiration: Onward, Christian soldiers.

Original lyrics: Sabine Baring-Gould (1834 - 1924) Written 1865.

Tune: Arthur Sullivan (1842 – 1900) Composed 1871.

Come then, fellow travellers,
questing for far more.
Journey with this mantra...
peace-led at its core.
Sun, moon, stars our models
shining day and night.
A universe of wonder.
We stand in its light.
Come then, fellow travellers,
questing for far more.
Journey with this mantra...
love-led at its core.

12 Growth to the spirit

*Inspiration: Praise to the holiest in the height
composed by Samuel Webbe, 1770 – 1843*

Growth to the spirit, caring and kind,
that lives within our hearts.
It reaches out to touch and heal
all beings near and far.

13 Returning

*Inspiration: Just as I am
composed by Henry Smart, 1813 - 79*

Returning home is nature's way
of inviting innocent play
to reconnect the heart-led way.
O, first in line, I come.

14 In Peace and Love

*(Inspiration: How Great Thou Art:
Swedish Traditional Melody)*

Beliefs worldwide
reflecting diverse cultures
together live and work their awesome way,
on hearts and minds
when we are tiny children
and we repeat the words we learned to say.

Chorus:

*My spirit's song
a blessing to the Earth,
In peace and love: in peace and love.
My spirit's song
a blessing to the Earth.
In peace and love: in peace and love.*

15 Promises

*Inspiration: O Jesus I have promised
composed by John Ernest Bode 1816 – 1874*

For people, what is promised
to Earth and land and sea
can seem a childish notion
of life's great mystery.
Yet we know there a deeper truth
binding humanity.
Promises renewed daily
by Earth's own unity.

16 Spaceship Earth

*(to the tune of All things bright and beautiful
composed by William H. Monk 1887)*

*Spaceship Earth, our song worldwide
speaks of the greatest art.
Homed in times when nature guides.
Inspiring human hearts.*

The rainforests and oceans
are reigning Earth's great health.
The crown it goes to Nature
the source of all our wealth.