

SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

Song Words

Voices for the Earth

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**MY PADDLE'S KEEN AND BRIGHT - Margaret
Embers McGee**

My paddle's keen and bright,
Flashing with silver
Follow the wild goose flight
Dip,dip and swing.

MICHAEL ROW THE BOAT ASHORE

Michael row the boat ashore, Hallelujah
Michael row the boat ashore, Hallelujah

Sister help to trim the sails, Hallelujah
Sister help to trim the sails, Hallelujah

Jordan's river is deep and wide, Hallelujah
Milk and honey on the other side, Hallelujah

Jordan's river is chilly and cold, Hallelujah
Chills the body but not the soul, Hallelujah

Michael, row the boat ashore, Hallelujah
Michael, row the boat ashore, Hallelujah

DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE –

I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield

Down by the riverside (3 times)

I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield

Down by the riverside

Ain't gonna study war no more (6 times)

I'm gonna lay down my heavy load...

O SHENADOAH

O Shenandoah, I long to hear you

Away, you rolling river

O Shenandoah, I long to hear you

Away, I'm bound away

'Cross the wide Missouri

O Shenandoah, I love your daughter

Away, you rolling river

T'was for her, I'd cross the water

Away, I'm bound away

'Cross the wide Missouri

Farewell, my dear, I'm bound to leave you

Away, you rolling river

O Shenandoah, I'll not deceive you

Away, I'm bound away

'Cross the wide Missouri

SLOOP JOHN B – Traditional

We come on the sloop John B
My grandfather and me
Around Nassau town we did roam
Drinking all night
Got into a fight
Well I feel so broke up
I want to go home

Chorus: So hoist up the John B's sail
See how the mainsail sets
Call for the Captain ashore
Let me go home, let me go home
I wanna go home, yeah yeah
Well I feel so broke up; I wanna go home

The first mate he got drunk
And broke in the Cap'n's trunk
The constable had to come and take him away
Sheriff John Stone
Why don't you leave me alone, yeah yeah
Well I feel so broke up I wanna go home
(Chorus)

The poor cook he caught the fits
And threw away all my grits
And then he took and he ate up all of my corn
Let me go home; Why don't they let me go home
This is the worst trip I've ever been on
(Chorus)

HERE COMES THE SUN – George Harrison

Chorus: Here comes the sun, here comes the sun,
And I say it's all right

Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter
Little darling, it feels like years since it's been here

(Chorus)

Little darling, the smiles returning to the faces
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been here

(Chorus)

Sun, sun, sun, here it comes... (5 times)

Little darling, I feel that ice is slowly melting
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been clear

(Chorus)

(Chorus)

It's all right

AQUARIUS / LET THE SUN SHINE IN— James Rado
& Gerome Ragni

When the moon is in the Seventh House
And Jupiter aligns with Mars
Then peace will guide the planets
And love will steer the stars
This is the dawning of the age of Aquarius
Age of Aquarius
Aquarius! Aquarius!

Harmony and understanding
Sympathy and trust abounding
No more falsehoods or derision's
Golden living dreams of visions
Mystic crystal revelation
And the mind's true liberation
Aquarius! Aquarius!

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This is the dawning of the age of Aquarius
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Let the sunshine, let the sunshine in, the sunshine in
Let the sunshine, let the sunshine in, the sunshine in
(Keep repeating)

THE WATER IS WIDE

The water is wide, I can't cross o'er
And neither have, I wings to fly
Give me a boat, that can carry two
And both shall row, my love and I

There is a ship and she sails the sea
She's loaded deep, as deep can be
But not as deep, as the love I'm in
I know not how, I sink or swim

The water is wide, I can't cross o'er
And neither have, I wings to fly
Give me a boat, that can carry two
And both shall row, my love and I
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THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND - Woody Guthrie

Chorus: This land is your land; This land is my land
From California to the New York island;
From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters
This land was made for you and me.

As I was walking that ribbon of highway,
I saw above me that endless skyway:
I saw below me that golden valley:
This land was made for you and me.

(Chorus)

I've roamed and rambled and I followed my footsteps
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts;
And all around me a voice was sounding:
This land was made for you and me.

(Chorus)

SITTIN' ON THE DOCK OF THE BAY – Otis Redding

Sittin' in the morning sun
I'll be sittin' when the evening comes
Watching the ships roll in
Then I **watch** them roll away again, yeah

Chorus: I'm sittin' on the dock of the bay
Watchin' the tide roll away, ooh
I'm just sittin' on the dock of the bay
Wastin' time

I left my home in Georgia
Headed for the Frisco Bay
Cuz **I've** had, **nothing** to live for
And look like **nothing's** gonna come my way

(Chorus)

Looks like nothing's gonna change
Everything still remains the same
I can't do what ten people tell me to do
So I guess I'll remain the same

Sittin' here resting my bones
And this **loneliness** won't leave me alone
Two thousand miles I roam
Just to make this dock my home

(Chorus)

(Whistle)

WAGON WHEEL – Old Crow Medicine Show

Headed down south to the **land** of the pines
I'm **thumbin'** my way into **North** Caroline
Starin' up the road
And **pray** to God I see **headlights**
I **made** it down the coast in **seventeen** hours
Pickin' me a bouquet of **dogwood** flowers
And I'm a **hopin'** for Raleigh
I can **see** my baby tonight

Chorus: Rock me mama like a wagon wheel
Rock me mama anyway you feel
Hey mama rock me
Rock me mama like the wind and the rain
Rock me mama like a south-bound train
Hey mama rock me

Runnin' from the cold, **up** in New England
I was **born** to be a fiddler in an **old-time** string band
My **baby** plays the guitar,,,
I pick a **banjo** now
Oh, the **North** country winters keep a **gettin'** me now
Lost my **money** playin' poker so I **had** to leave town
But I **ain't** a turnin' back
To **livin'** that old life no more

Chorus

Walkin' due south **out** of Roanoke
I caught a **trucker** out of Philly
Had a **nice** long toke
But **he's** a headed west from the **Cumberland** Gap
To **John**-son City, **Tennessee**
And I **gotta** get a move on **before** the sun
I hear my **baby** callin' my name
And I **know** that she's the only one
And **if** I die in Raleigh
At **least** I will die free

(Chorus)

MOON RIVER – Henry Mancini and Johnny Mercer

Moon river, wider than a mile
I'm crossing you in style some day
Oh, dream maker, you heart breaker
Wherever you're going, I'm going your way

Two drifters, off to see the world
There's such a lot of world to see
We're after the same rainbow's end,
waiting, round the bend
My Huckleberry Friend,
Moon River, and me

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IF I HAD A HAMMER – Pete Seeger and Lee Hays

If I had a hammer,
I'd hammer in the morning,
I'd hammer in the evening,
All over this land,
I'd hammer out danger,
I'd hammer out a warning,
I'd hammer out love between,
My brothers and my sisters,
All over this land.

If I had a bell... / ring it

If I had a song... / sing it

Well, I've got a hammer
and I've got a bell
and I've got a song to sing
all over this land
It's the hammer of justice
It's the bell of freedom
It's a song about love between my
brothers and my sisters
all over this land

WE ARE CROSSING THE WATERS – Bill Staines

Chorus: We are crossing the waters, our whole lives
through,
We are making a passage that is straight and true,
Every Heart is a vessel,
Every dream is a light,
Shining through the darkness of the blackest night.

Well, there's is no shallow water
and not but love to keep
Us safely from the dangers and the devils of the deep.
But with every breath within us,
we search forever more,
To find some peaceful harbor on that far off shore.

(Chorus)

For some it is a glory, for some it is a game
For some it is a story filled with emptiness and pain,
But as rising winds in chorus,
we search for steady ground,
There is only that before us, there can be no turning
round.

(Chorus)

Oh, there is no other journey
that will ever be the same,
No second chance horizon
that will call you by your name.
When welling waves wash o'er you
and stormy winds they drive
Give your heart a song, sing it loud and long,
keep your dreams alive.

(Chorus)

CARRY IT HOME – Betsy Rose

Carry it home to your children,
Carry it out in the street.
Carry it on to the ones you love,
And on to the ones you meet.

Carry it light on your shoulder,
Carry it deep in your soul.
For we have been blessed with magic,
And the magic will make us whole

Voices for the Earth chorus will next be performing at the Winter Solstice in December. If you might be interested in practicing with us in November and December, please contact one of the following:

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UNDER THE BOARDWALK – The Drifters

Oh, when the sun beats down and burns the tar up on
the roof

And your shoes get so hot, you wish your tired feet
were fireproof

Under the boardwalk, down by the sea
On a blanket with my baby is where I'll be

(Under the boardwalk) Out of the sun
(Under the boardwalk) We'll be havin' some fun
(Under the boardwalk) People walking above
(Under the boardwalk) We'll be falling in love
Under the boardwalk, boardwalk

From the park you hear the happy sound of a
carousel

Mmm, you can almost taste the hot dogs and French
fries they sell

Under the boardwalk, down by the sea, yeah
On a blanket with my baby is where I'll be

(Under the boardwalk) Out of the sun
(Under the boardwalk) We'll be havin' some fun
(Under the boardwalk) People walking above
(Under the boardwalk) We'll be falling in love
Under the boardwalk, boardwalk

Oh, under the boardwalk, down by the sea, yeah
On a blanket with my baby is where I'll be

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SUMMERTIME - George Gershwin

Summertime and the livin' is easy
Fish are jumpin', and the cotton is high
Your Daddy's rich and your Mama is good lookin'
So, hush, little baby don't you cry

One of these mornings you're gonna rise up singin'
You're gonna spread your wings and take to the sky,
take to the sky
But 'til that mornin' there's nothin' can harm you
With Daddy and Mommy standin' by

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Fish are jumpin', and the cotton is high
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PROUD MARY – John Fogerty

Left a good job in the city,
Workin' for the man ev'ry night and day,
And I never lost one minute of sleepin',
Worryin' 'bout the way things might have been.

Chorus: Big wheel keep on turnin'
Proud Mary keep on burnin'
Rollin', rollin', rollin' on the river
Rollin', rollin', rollin' on the river

Cleaned a lot of plates in Memphis,
Pumped a lot of pane down in New Orleans,
But I never saw the good side of the city,
'Til I hitched a ride on a river boat queen.

(Chorus)

If you come down to the river,
Bet you gonna find some people who live.
You don't have to worry, if you got no money,
People on the river are happy to give.

(Chorus)