

# Christian Climate Action Manchester Salford Hub

## Alternative Christmas carols and songs



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## Ding Dong Merrily on High

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The temperature is rising

With all the carbon in the sky

It isn't that surprising

*Fa-la-la.....*

*Our lifestyles are excessive ( x2)*

E'en so here below, below,

The life on earth is dying

And "Io, io, io!"

The future's terrifying

*Fa-la-la.....*

Pray you, dutifully go

And partake in truth telling

May you beautifully show

Concern for this, our dwelling

*Fa-la-la.....*

## Silent Night

Silent night, holy night!

All are quiet, to the plight

On the TV, little is said

Of the crisis up ahead

Put our heads in the sand

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Silent night, holy night!

Children quake at the sight.

Those in power show little concern

Fossil fuels continue to burn

When will voices be heard?

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Silent night, holy night!

May the world see the light.

Share the wisdom, start to act

And respond to science and fact

For the sake of this earth

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## **Hark the Herald**

Hark the herald rebels sing!  
Let the sound of protest ring  
East to West, and every child  
Old and young are reconciled  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise  
Join the peaceful rebel cries  
With th' angelic host proclaim  
Life can never be the same  
Hark, the herald rebels sing  
Let the sound of protest ring

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

Hail, The earth in all its grace

Hail! The beauty in this place

Light and life we strive to see

In bio-diversity

Join together, sing as one

Till our work is fully done

Till we're taken seriously

In this stark emergency

Hark, the herald rebels sing!

Let the sound of protest ring

## **12 years of crisis**

On the first year of crisis, inaction gave to me

A forest without any trees

On the second year of crisis, inaction gave to me

Two hurricanes

And a forest without any trees

On the third year of crisis, inaction gave to me

Three heatwaves, two hurricanes and a forest without any trees

On the fourth year of crisis, inaction gave to me

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

On the fifth year of crisis, inaction gave to me

Five rising seas.

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

On the sixth year of crisis, inaction gave to me

Six nations starving.

Five rising seas.

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

On the seventh year of crisis, inaction gave to me

Seven flood disasters, six nations starving.

Five rising seas.

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

On the eighth year of crisis, inaction gave to me

Eight coral die-offs, seven flood disasters, six nations starving.

Five rising seas.

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

On the ninth year of crisis, inaction gave to me

Nine glaciers dwindling, eight coral die-offs, seven flood disasters, six nations starving.

Five rising seas.

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

On the tenth year of crisis, inaction gave to me

Ten displaced peoples, nine glaciers dwindling, eight coral die-offs, seven flood disasters, six nations starving.

Five rising seas.

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

On the eleventh year of crisis, inaction gave to me

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

Five rising seas.

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

On the twelfth year of crisis, inaction gave to me,

(sing slowly) No turning back (pause)

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

Five rising seas.

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

## Once in Sweden's capital city

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

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

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

**O come all ye faithful**

O come all ye faithful

Active and defiant

O come ye, oh come ye

And take a stand

Come and behold this

Climate crisis

*O come let us demand change*

*O come let us demand change*

*Oh come let us demand change*

*For the world*

Sing choirs of protests

Sing in exultation

Sing all ye citizens of this great world

Treasure creation

Let us now preserve it

*O come let us demand change....*

**We wish for a greener Christmas**

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And a low carbon year

Sad tidings we bring

To you and your kin

We wish for a greener Christmas

And a low carbon year

We all want meaningful action

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We all want meaningful action

So bring some out here

We won't stop until we've got some

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So bring some out here

We wish for a greener Christmas....