

SING OUT FOR THE EARTH



**SPRING 2021
VIRTUAL CONCERT**

**FEATURING THE STUDENTS OF
A.J. ELLIOTT SCHOOL
SOINTULA, BC**

You can watch the video at www.voicesofnature.ca/aj-elliott



We dedicate Sing Out For The Earth programs to... the beautiful watersheds we call home, and all the plants and animals who live in them too...and the inspired teachers and students who have learned songs and worked so hard to bring this concert to you!

For the past 15 years we have written eco-themed songs and tromped up and down watersheds doing Voices Of Nature school music programs, singing with children for the beauty of life on Earth. That all changed in March 2020 with the pandemic shutdown, and we could no longer go into schools.

We turned our energy to producing Sing Out For The Earth online videos that would help teachers bring music into the classroom, and help students learn songs and actions. The original idea came from the Sing Out weekly radio show/singing lesson that ran on CBC in the 1970's, hosted by Holly's father, Lloyd Arntzen. Each week teachers would tune in and have their classes sing along as a music activity. We adapted the idea for our eco-rock songs. You can find out more here: <https://www.voicesofnature.ca/singoutfortheearth>

Our deepest thanks go out to sponsors Tire Stewardship BC and BC Used Oil Management Association, whose ongoing support through this most difficult time has made it possible to keep the program and the music alive.

We hope you enjoy your school's Virtual Concert. Please give your children and teachers feedback—let them know you appreciate their wonderful performances!

Holly Arntzen

The Wilds Band/Artist Response Team (ART)

Kevin Wright

Have some fun and watch our two episodes of Voices of Nature Rocks starring The Wilds and our friend Stage Boy.
<https://www.voicesofnature.ca/voices-of-nature-rocks>

Special thanks to:

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THE WATERSHED SONG

Holly Arntzen/Kevin Wright/David Sinclair

CHORUS

In the watershed rain comes down into the river, into the sea
And we hope from our elders a healthy world for us to keep
Oh – oh – oh – oh

Habitat - Conservation
Climate change - Revelation
Conscious - Destination
That's the only way

CHORUS

This watershed is changing; some things will never be the same
Winning too slowly is the same as losing when it comes to climate change

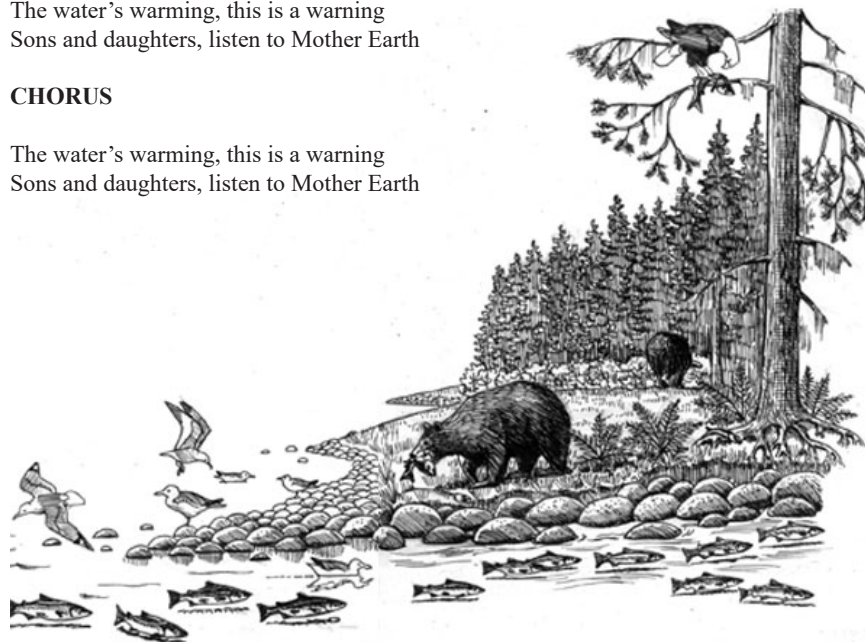
Ocean - Devastation
Are we seeing - Adaptation
One Earth - One nation
That's the only way

CHORUS

Salmon run up the Fraser to the Nechako and Quesnel
The Tsihquo'tin is full to bursting, and the Seton is running well
The Brunette and Silverdale Wetlands welcome their children home
The water's warming, this is a warning
Sons and daughters, listen to Mother Earth

CHORUS

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Sons and daughters, listen to Mother Earth



I've been around since before Ghengis Khan
And the first book published in China
In the olden days, in the time of crusades
I was born in Koksilah
I was just four hundred when the Vikings sailed
And first set foot in North America
First Nations saw white guys... with blue eyes
I was there through it all

CHORUS

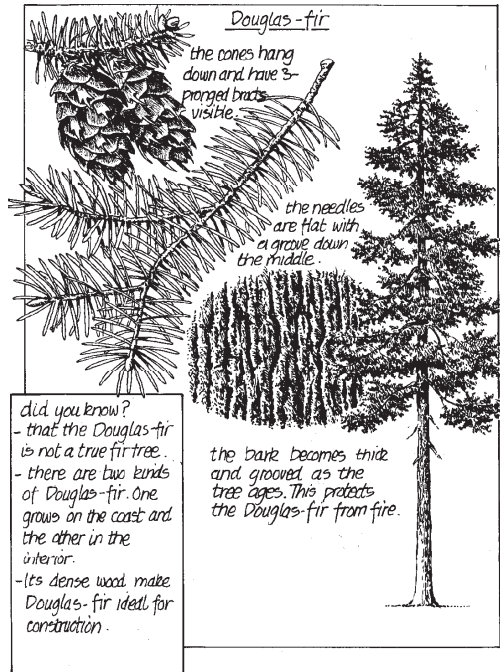
They call me (they call me)
Mr. Douglas (Mr. Douglas)
I get respect, cos' you know
When you get this old
They call you (they call you)
Mr. Douglas (Mr. Douglas)
One of the oldest living things
on Earth

I'd been around
for eight hundred years
When Columbus crossed
the Atlantic
And when the African Queen
made it up on the screen
By then I was totally gigantic
Hurricane winds in the
Cowichan Valley
Were howlin' through the grove
I stood my ground
while my friends were
blown down
I was there through it all

CHORUS X2

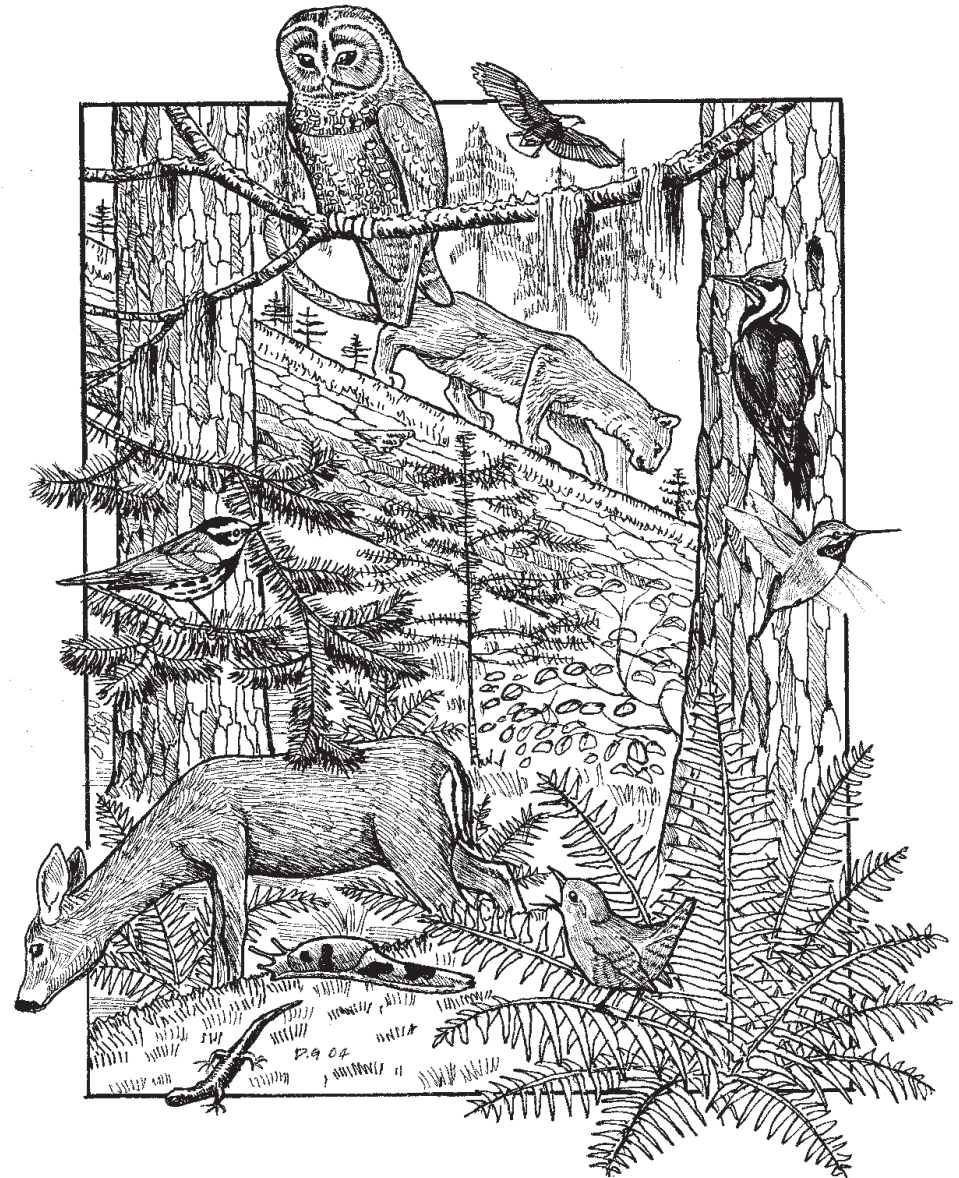
Many brothers have fallen
To machines and attitude
There used to be so many of us...
but now so few

CHORUS X2



The Douglas Fir tree that inspired this song was born on Koksilah Ridge on Vancouver Island in 640 AD. It lived through over 1300 years of historical events until it was finally blown down in a storm in the 1960s. But now the biggest problem for ancient forests isn't storms. It's that so many of them have been cut down. In British Columbia less than 1% of the original coastal Douglas Fir old-growth forest remains. The tree we call Mr. Douglas still stands today, and he is definitely an endangered species.

Pacific Old Growth Forest



BC Used Oil Management Association (BCUOMA) is a not-for-profit group dedicated to the collection and recycling of lubricating oil, oil filters and containers, antifreeze and antifreeze containers in BC. Its goal is to provide British Columbians with an eco-friendly and cost-effective way to dispose of these materials and be good watershed and ocean stewards.

Did You Know?

More than half the lubricating oil and all the antifreeze collected in BC is turned into new lubricating oil and antifreeze. Recycling lubricating oil and antifreeze keeps these products out of storm drains, waterways and oceans.

For more information, please visit www.bcusedoil.com



Prior to 1991, there was no program in place to recycle tires. They got dumped in landfills, where they took up a lot of space and didn't break down. Or they were burned in open pits, which put toxic emissions into the atmosphere.

Or they got left lying around in our environment, and were eyesores.

In January 2007, Tire Stewardship BC (TSBC) launched the new scrap tire recycling program, replacing the government-run program that had been in place since 1991. Now, approximately 50,000 tonnes of scrap tires are diverted annually from landfills, which roughly equates to one tire per person in BC. The success of the program was celebrated in 2018 when TSBC reached its 90 millionth tire milestone—almost enough to form a single line of tires stretching around the Earth at the equator—TWICE!

TIRE DROP OFFS

Did you know there are over 800 retail locations in BC that will take back old tires at any time of year? Find the closest location to you at www.tsbc.ca.

What happens to scrap tires?

Most of them are used to create:

- playground and athletic surfaces.
- resilient flooring in recreational facilities such as gyms and running tracks.
- flooring and mats for agricultural and industrial use.
- coloured landscaping mulch.

The rest are used as a fuel supplement in the cement and pulp and paper industries.



Almost 100% of the scrap tires generated are collected from all across the province and processed in Delta, BC. The majority are recycled into crumb rubber, which are granules of rubber with the steel and fibre removed. Crumb is then used to create a variety of products.

MY ROOTS GO DOWN

Sarah Pirtle/lyrics adapted by Holly Arntzen

CHORUS:

My roots go down, down into the earth
My roots go down, down into the earth
My roots go down, down into the earth
My roots go down.

I am a tree swaying in the wind
I am a tree swaying in the wind
I am a tree swaying in the wind
My roots go down

CHORUS

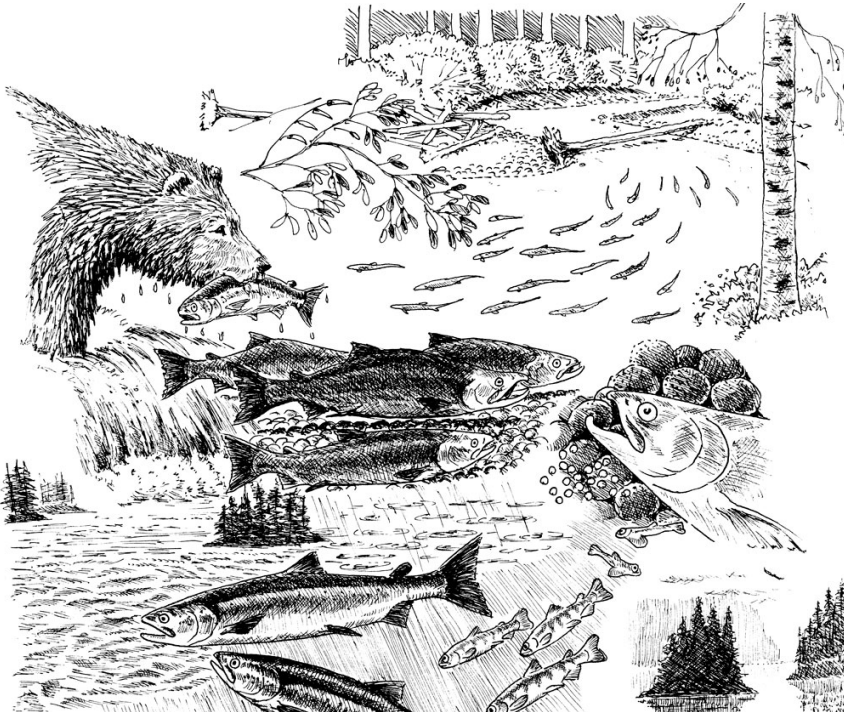
I am a salmon swimming in the sea
I am a salmon swimming in the sea
I am a salmon swimming in the sea
My roots go down

CHORUS

I am a bear walking through the woods
I am a bear walking through the woods
I am a bear walking through the woods
My roots go down

CHORUS

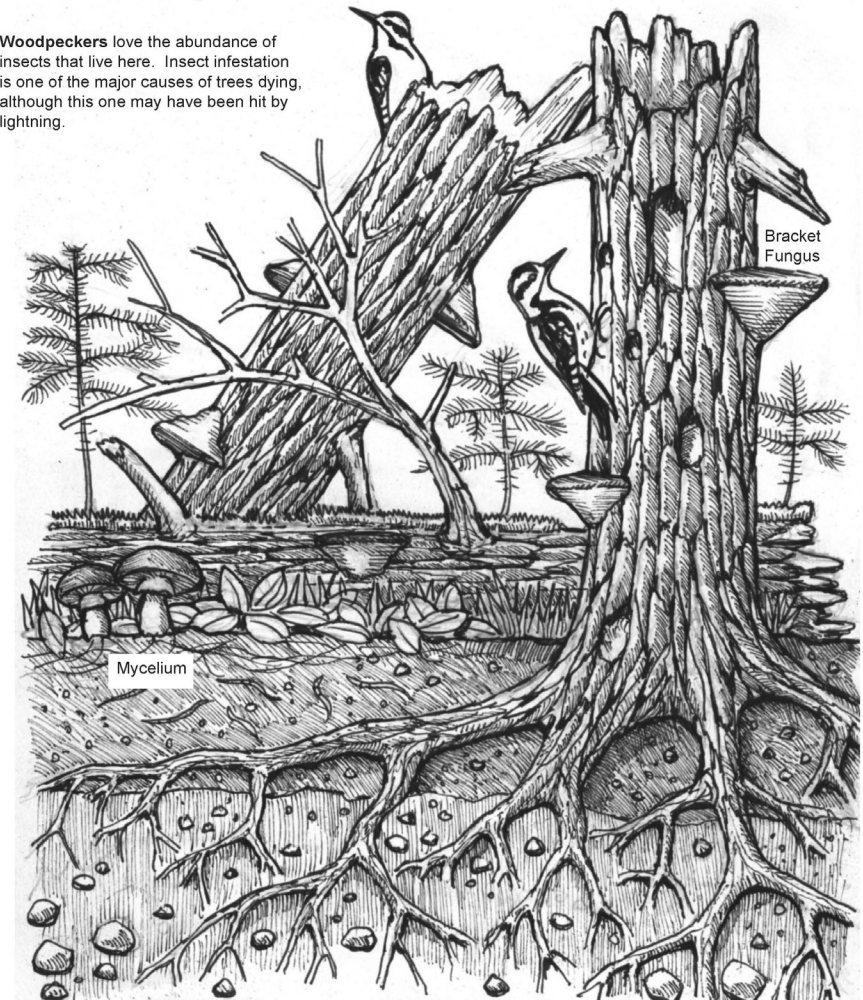
I am a bird flying in the air
I am a bird flying in the air
I am a bird flying in the air
My roots go down



Wildlife Tree

Wildlife Tree ~ is a tree that has died or is dying but still stands. It provides a home for many different species, from insects to eagles. Larger dead trees can stand for 150 years before they fall.

Woodpeckers love the abundance of insects that live here. Insect infestation is one of the major causes of trees dying, although this one may have been hit by lightning.



Sun is shining...everything is so dry
Voices of nature sing for every living thing
 Weather report says
 it's another record high
Voices of nature sing for every living thing
 In the rainforest thirsty cedar trees sigh

CHORUS

Sing for rain, Sing for sunshine
 Just enough at the right time
 Voices of nature sing for every living thing
 Sing for snow on the mountains
 Flocks of birds beyond counting
 Voices of nature sing for every living thing

Not enough water... people go to war
 Do you hear meadowlarks
 calling any more?
 Disappearing wildlife...
 what are we fighting for?

CHORUS

Drought on the prairies...
 and in Afghanistan
 Will we keep pumping oil...
 as fast as we can?
 Changing weather, making deserts...
 turning soil into sand

CHORUS



We all live in a watershed!

Let's take care of it!



