

SING OUT FOR THE EARTH



**SPRING 2021
VIRTUAL CONCERT**

**FEATURING THE STUDENTS OF
HAISLA COMMUNITY SCHOOL
KITIMAAT VILLAGE, BC**

You can watch the video at www.voicesofnature.ca/haisla



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>

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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

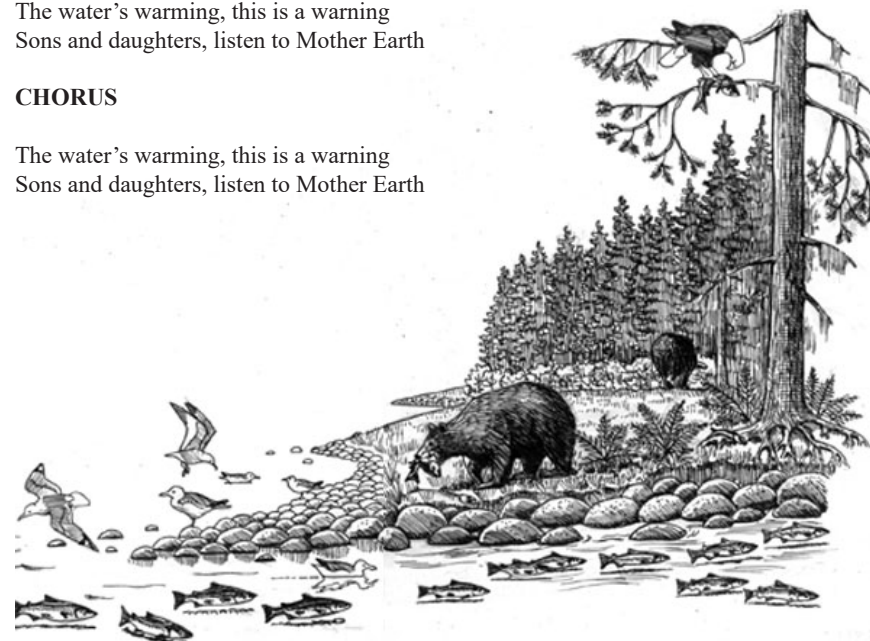
Ocean - Devastation
Are we seeing - Adaptation
One Earth - One nation
That's the only way

CHORUS

Salmon run up the Skeena, the Kispiox and Babine
Sacred headwaters flowing, feed the Nass and the Stikine
The Seven Sisters watching, welcome their children home
The water's warming, this is a warning
Sons and daughters, listen to Mother Earth

CHORUS

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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 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

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

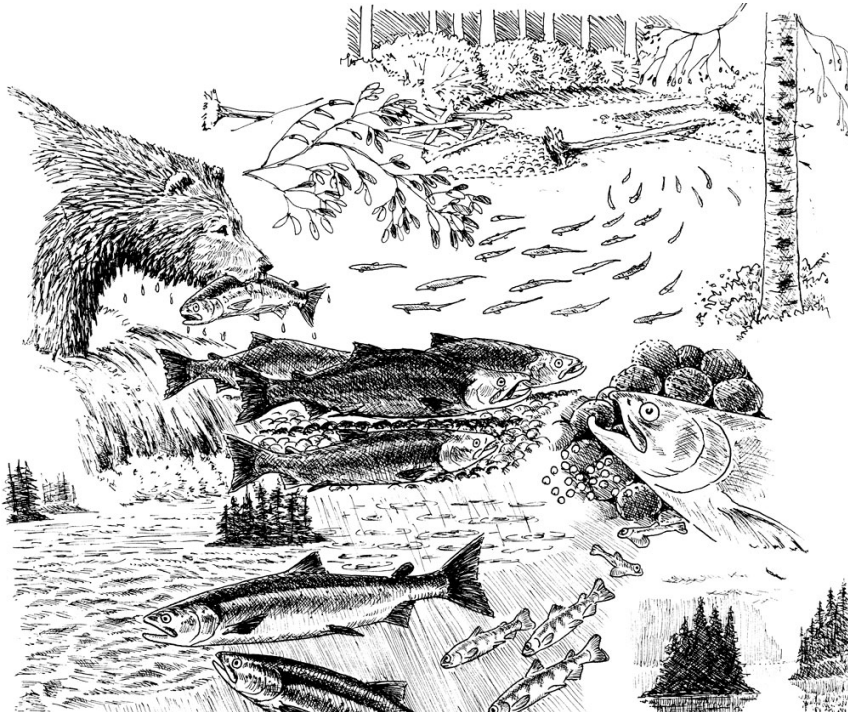
CHORUS

I am a 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

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

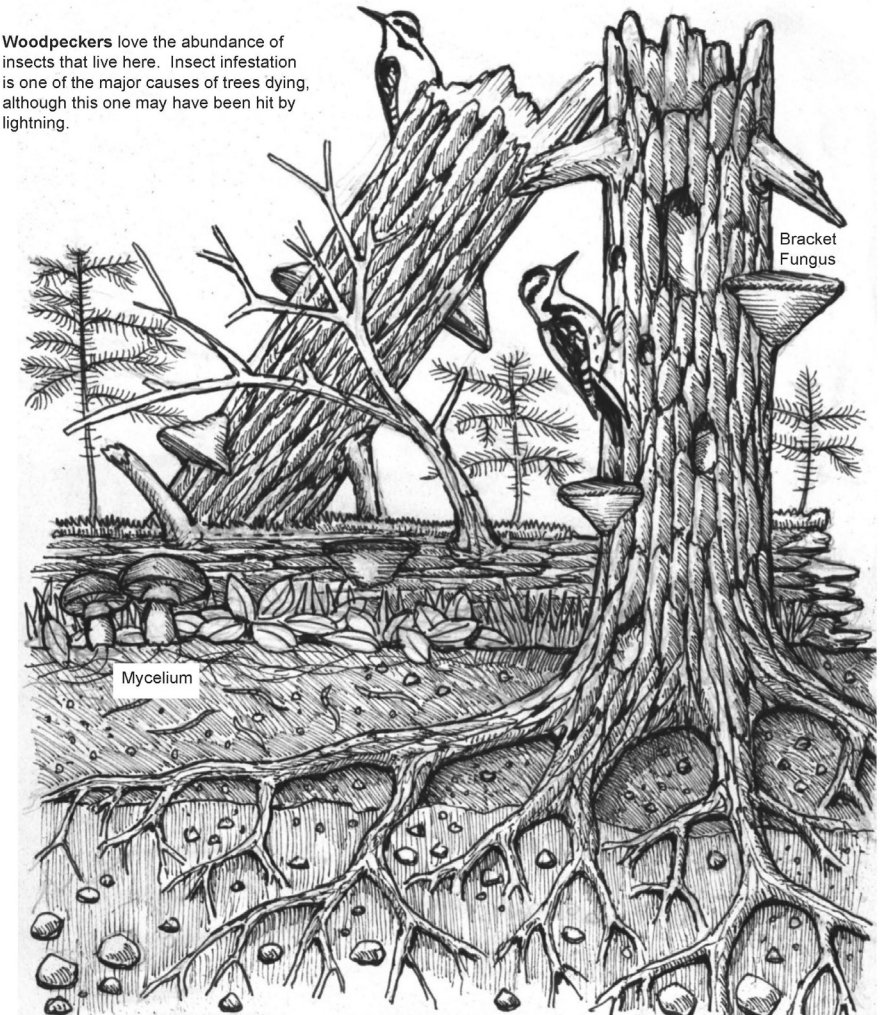
CHORUS



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.



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.

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

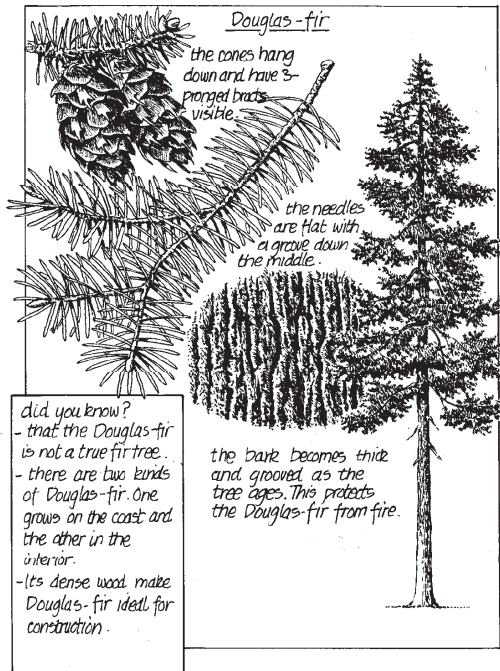
They call me (they call me)
 Mr. Douglas (Mr. Douglas)
 I get respect, cos' you know
 When you get this old
 They call you (they call you)
 Mr. Douglas (Mr. Douglas)
 One of the oldest living things
 on Earth

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

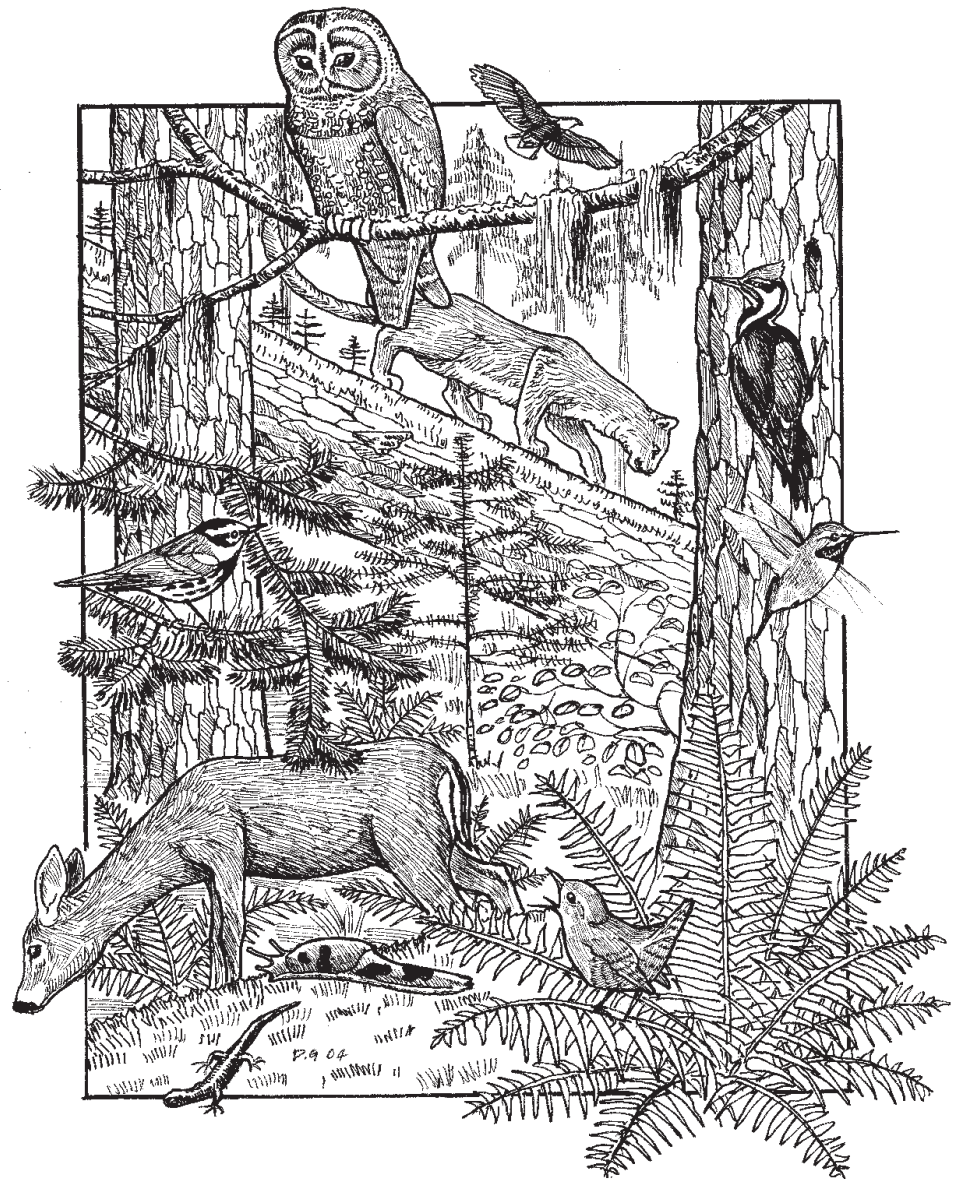
Many brothers have fallen
 To machines and attitude
 There used to be so many of us...
 but now so few

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



LIFE CYCLE DANCE

Holly Arntzen/Stephen Foster

Chorus 1:

Stomp your feet
Clap your hands
Everybody do a life cycle dance
Bow to the sun
Bow to the moon
Twirl with the season and tides in tune

Swim like a fish
Fish like a bear
Soar like an eagle in the air

Chorus 1

Stand like a tree
Roots grow down
Take food and water from the ground
Reach for the sun
Rustle your leaves
Sway in the air we all breathe

Chorus 2:

Stomp your feet
Clap your hands
Everybody do a life cycle dance
Bow to the sun
Bow to the sea
Twirl with the river, lake and stream

Run like a marmot
Leap like a frog
Flit like a dragonfly in the bog
Dive like a hummingbird
Wriggle like a grub
Swoop like a swallow
chasing bugs

Chorus 2

VOICES OF NATURE

Holly Arntzen/Stephen Foster

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!





The Skeena Watershed Conservation Coalition is proud to support Haisla Community School in producing their *Sing Out For The Earth* Virtual Concert. Congratulations to the teachers and students for singing and raising your voices in support of the Kitimat

watershed! Since 2011 SWCC has sponsored three *Up Your Watershed!* tours by the Wilds to Skeena schools. 2020 would have been the fourth tour. We believe that children and youth are leaders who will inspire our communities to be good watershed stewards. Our hands are up in respect to you students for your hard work and caring hearts.



The Skeena Watershed Conservation Coalition was founded in 2004 by a diverse group of people living and working in the Skeena River watershed. Our board of directors and membership reflects the broad interests of the people in this region. We are united in understanding that short term industrial development plans, even 50 year plans, will not benefit our region in the long run if they undermine the social and environmental fabric that holds the watershed and its communities together.

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