

Fight For The Trees

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Introduction

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Way up high on Mount Read, a pine tree stands,
North West Tasmania, on Tommeginne land.
It's the oldest tree in our country, 2000 rings it shows.
It sprouted at the time of Christ all those years ago.
Nearby mines have come and gone, miracle it survived,
Short-term greed all around (Stop)
Scars the mountain sides.
The mountain sides,
Yeah, scars the mountain sides,
The mountain sides.

Way up high near Toolangi town, the Kalatha Giant stands,
400 years it's been growing on Woiworung land.
Central Highlands mountain ash, precious as it comes,
Cleansing air and water, alchemists of the sun,
But as I sing these giant trees, Hercules of nature, are being pulped into, (Stop)
Photocopy paper,
Photocopy paper
Into Photocopy paper.

How is that we let this happen, it's a travesty,
Out of sight out mind, we cannot not let that be,
The simple truth is that we can't live, (Stop)

Without the trees
We can't live without the trees
We can't live without the trees,
We need the trees, sing with me
Oooh, we need the trees
Ooooooh, we need trees,
Oooooh, (Stop)
Gotta fight for the trees.

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Way up high in on Capitol Hill , a big house stands,
With red and Green chambers , on Ngunnawal land,
Our so-called leaders riding high, in their big charade,
They let power plays and politics always win the day,
They can dodge and weave and doublespeak as much as they please,
But when will they face the fact (stop):
We can't live

Without the trees
We can't live without the trees
We can't live without the trees,

We need the trees, sing with me
Oooh, we need the trees
Ooooooh, we need trees,
Ooooh, (stop)
Gotta fight for the trees.

Walk among the trees,
Miracles of green.
Walk among the trees,
Our future's in their leaves,
Walk among the trees,
Feel their presence, feel their peace,
Walk among the trees, One last time
Oooh, we need the trees
Ooooooh, we need trees,
Ooooh, (Stop)
Gotta fight for the trees.