



# **SALFORD SONGBOOK**

**Songs of the Earth**

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**LYRICS BOOKLET**

# 1. Tree of Life

Workshopped by pupils from St Joseph's RC Primary School, Halliwell  
Words and music by Hannah King

I am small and I am tiny,  
But deep within my shell so shiny  
A world that you can't see  
Is waiting to burst out of me.

A little sun, a little water,  
Is all I really need.  
A little faith, a little patience  
Will help me to succeed.

I'll grow, I'll thrive,  
I'll be happy to be alive.  
A little sun, a little water,  
And I'll arrive.

I am here and I am growing  
With every kindness that you're showing.  
I yearn to reach the sky,  
A sapling with my arms stretched high.

I am stable, I am steady,  
I am seasoned and I'm ready.  
My boughs are tall and strong,  
My leaves will sing this peaceful song.

A little sun, a little water...

A century or more,  
My rings have kept the score,  
And even when I'm gone,  
My story and my song lives on.

A little sun, a little water...  
A little sun, a little water,  
And I'll arrive.



## 2. Reuse it or Lose it

Workshopped by pupils from Christ the King RC Primary School,  
Newton Heath, Manchester  
Words and music by Hannah King

You've gotta reuse it,  
Or else you're gonna lose it.  
You've gotta reuse it,  
Or else you're gonna lose it.

Help the animals,  
Heal the earth,  
Stop the waste  
To save the world.

You've gotta reuse it...

What can we make out of wood?  
Something new and something good.  
Homes for insects, seats and chairs,  
Pots and planters, floors and stairs!

You've gotta reuse it...

Metal scraps can be as good as new,  
There's all sorts that you can do!  
Tables, benches, sculptures, art,  
Wind chimes, shelves, that's just the start!

You've gotta reuse it...

Here's a rule for you and me:  
No more plastic in the sea!  
Turn that bottle on its head,  
Let it feed the birds instead!

You've gotta reuse it...

Help the animals,  
Heal the earth,  
Stop the waste  
To save the world.

You've gotta reuse it...  
You've gotta reuse it!



### 3. A Weed is a Wildflower

Workshopped by members of Salford Cathedral Girls' Choir

Words and music by Hannah King

What's in a name? A simple switch of title  
Can change the way we frame the narrative.

Take the weed:  
Unwanted, invasive, annoying,  
The perfect garden destroying.

But the wildflower?  
Resilient, wanted and free,  
The perfect garden for me.

Wild and free, wildflower.  
Lovely and sweet, wildflower.  
Resilient and vibrant,  
Reminding us all how to be.  
Wild and free, wildflower.  
Lovely and sweet, wildflower.

A weed is a wildflower, is a whispered wish.  
A weed is a wildflower, is a welcoming wave.  
A weed is a wildflower, is a wisp, a wing, a way,  
Is a rainbow to wake up the grey.

#### Parts 1 & 2

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#### Part 3

Wild and free, wildflower.  
Lovely and sweet, wildflower.

#### All

Wildflower.



## 4. The Pollinator Polka

Workshopped by pupils from St Antony's RC Primary School, Blackburn  
Words and music by Hannah King

They're yellow, black and fuzzy,  
With five amazing eyes.  
They're busy and they're buzzy,  
They soar across the skies.

They make and store their honey,  
And fly from shoot to shoot,  
And when it's nice and sunny,  
They pollinate our fruit!

The worker bees are loyal,  
With strong majestic wings.  
They swarm about their royal,  
Protecting with their stings.

They make and store their honey,  
And fly from hedge to hedge,  
And when it's nice and sunny,  
They pollinate our veg!

Vvvvvv! (Or optional kazoo)

They drink up all the nectar,  
With pollen on their backs.  
Then take it home to share it,  
And turn it into wax.

They make and store their honey,  
And buzz about for hours,  
And when it's nice and sunny,  
They pollinate our flowers!

Vvvvvv! (Or optional kazoo)



## 5. Willow Weave

Workshopped by pupils from Sacred Heart RC Primary School, Colne  
Words and music by Hannah King

Willow weave, willow weave,  
Willow weave, willow weave.

Willow bend, willow flex, willow weave.  
Willow shade me under your leaves.  
Willow wave, willow help, willow hide,  
Willow shelter what's inside.

Green willow, strong willow, shield us from the weather.  
Tall willow, wild willow, weave our lives together.

Willow want, willow wish, willow wind.  
Willow show me what's in your mind.  
Willow shape, willow share, willow grow,  
Willow whisper what you know.

Green willow, strong willow, shield us from the weather.  
Tall willow, wild willow, weave our lives together.

### Part 1

Green willow, strong willow, shield us from the weather.  
Tall willow, wild willow, weave our lives together.

### Parts 2 & 3

Willow weave, willow weave.  
Willow weave, willow weave.

### All

Willow weave, willow weave,  
Willow weave, willow weave.



## 6. Every Little Seed

Workshopped by pupils from Holy Family RC Primary School, Rochdale  
Words and music by Hannah King

Have you ever looked around at nature  
Wondering what you could eat?  
Plant a little seed in early autumn,  
By the spring you'll have a treat.

What's around you? Can you see?  
Brambles or an apple tree?  
Leeks or lettuce? Broccoli?  
Radishes or strawberries?

Have you ever wandered round a garden  
Wondering what you can smell?  
Maybe it's the roses or the jasmine,  
It could be the herbs as well.

What's around you? Can you see?  
Lavender or rosemary?  
Thyme or basil? Chamomile?  
Mint to brighten up your smile?

Every little seed you sow  
Helps the generations grow  
If you want to show you care,  
Share!

If we give the soil our heart  
We can be a greater part of the Earth.

Every little seed you sow...

What's that worth?

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What's that worth?

