

Grade 6 English Language Arts
Week of March 1 – March 5

Lesson 4: Love Song to the Earth

Climate change? Global warming? The plight of the polar bears with the polar ice cap melting? Wildfires? Flooding?

In 2015, a group of some of the world's biggest names in music wrote and produced a song to support the United Nations' call for countries around the world to help reduce climate change and global warming. Sales of the song raise money for an organization called *Friends of the Earth* to keep polluting fossil fuels in the ground, to reduce pollution, and to inspire support for this cause around the world.

Here are some of the lyrics. Read them out loud before listening to the song to find three metaphors comparing the earth to other objects and to get the gist of the song.



Love Song To The Earth

*This is an open letter
From me and you together
Tomorrow's in our hands now
Find the words that matter
Say them out loud
And make it better somehow*

*Looking down from up on the moon
It's a tiny blue marble
Who would've thought the ground we stand
on could be so fragile*

*This is a love song to the earth
You're no ordinary world
A diamond in the universe
Heaven's poetry to us
Keep it safe, keep it safe, keep it safe*

Cause it's our world, it's our world

*It's not about religion
Money, or perception
How many years we might live
When the only real questions that matters is still
a matter of perspective*

*Looking down from up on the moon
It's a tiny blue marble
Who would've thought the ground we stand on
could be so fragile...*

As you listen to the song, try to figure out the theme and listen for the three metaphors you found.



Love Song to the Earth: <https://youtu.be/zBEGxqJKup8>

Complete the following activity.

Love Song to the Earth

1. What is the theme of the song?

2. Three metaphors in the song are:

a)

b)

c)