

ISLAND DREAMS

Lyric Sheets

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OPENING SONG

Massed Choir:

Is the world getting hotter?
Is the air getting thin?
Is the sea getting deeper
Than it ever has been?

Are the fish getting smaller?
Are the birds getting lost?
Are the animals losing all their homes?
Is the cost of a family
More than it used to be
So many creatures living in the library
Nothing left but skulls
and teeth
and bones.

ISLAND DREAMS

All:

Don't wake me up
I like this dream

Forest birds:

We're living in a forest
Fresh and green

Takahe:

I think I hear the ocean
Over the hill
I think I see a lighthouse

All:

Where?

Takahe:

There!

Kiwi:

Sh sh sh

All:

Don't wake me up - I like this dream

Lizards and snails:

We're living in a place where the air is clean

Kakapo:

I think I see the sunrise starting to glow
I wish that we could go there

All:

We want to go to an island
In the middle of ocean
a little island in the sun
Where we can lay our eggs and run around
And nobody will eat us
And everything's clean and green
And we can feed and breed
Be sure to succeed in our
Island Dream
Clean and green
Wanna be in an island dream
Don't wake me up - island dream
this dream is fun
We're living on an island in the sun
Don't wake me up - island dream
this dream is fun
Island dream

(Rap over beats)

Tuatara:

Oh island life is a very fine life
With minimal stress and minimal life

Kiwi:

Mainland animals, they're too rough
They break our eggs and eat us up

Skink:

Rats and cats and possums and stoats
We gotta get away

Takahe:

We'll charter a boat
To an island fort

Kakapo:

With an ocean moat
Gotta get away today

All:

We're looking for an island
In the middle of ocean
a pretty little island in the sun
Where we can lay our eggs and run around
And nobody will eat us
And everything's clean and green
we can feed and breed
be sure to succeed in our
Island Dream

TUATARA SONG

(Skink and chorus):

Tuatara tuatara
On a rock beside the sea
Tuatara tuatara
You are old as can be

Can you see into the future
With your pineal eye?
Tuatara tuatara
Will we live or will we die?

The cars on the highway
Are polluting the air
And stars are getting brighter
Because the ozone's not there

Tuatara
Will we boil or freeze?
When they clutter up the oceans
And they cut down the trees?

Tuatara tuatara
You're the oldest of your race
And smarter than the humans
Who are fuming up the place

Tuatara tuatara
Will you answer truthfully?
Tuatara tuatara
On a rock by the sea

(Tuatara):
Well you better use a sunscreen
If you want to get old
and you better buy an island Now!
Before they all get sold

FAMILY PHOTO

Tuatara:

I've seen a living moa
But you can only look
At a colour picture
In a heavy book

I've seen the pretty huia
Feathers oh so fine
Now it's under H
In Chapter 29

I've seen the laughing owl ha ha ha ha
Perching in a tree he he he he
Now it only la ha ha ha haups
On page seventy three he he he he

All:

I don't want my family photo put
Alphabetically in a heavy book
Don't want anybody seeing the last of me
In a great big book in the library

Bye bye bye join the chorus
Listen to the kea sing
Bye bye bye join the chorus
See the codfish flying

Kiwi:

What are we talking about? Kea can't sing.

Dead birds:

Neither can weeeeeee!!

Takahe:

(Scream!!) – Who said that??

All:

I don't want my family photo put
Alphabetically in a biology book
Don't want anybody seeing the last of me
In a great big book in the library

Bye bye bye join the chorus
Listen to the kea sing
Bye bye bye join the chorus

See the codfish flying

Skink:

And codfish can't fly either.

Dead birds:

Neither can IIIIIIII!

Kakapo:

(Scream) – Who said that??

Kiwi:

This is getting REAALLY scary!!

All:

I don't want my family photo put
Alphabetically in a heavy book
Don't want anybody seeing the last of me
In a great big book in the library

Bye bye bye join the chorus
Listen to the kea sing
Bye bye bye join the chorus
See the codfish flying

Don't want anybody seeing the last of me
In a great big book in the library
Don't want anybody seeing the last of me
In a great big book in the library
Don't want anybody seeing the last of me
In the library

ISLAND DREAM Reprise

All:

We're going to our islands
In the middle of the ocean
pretty little islands in the sun
Where we can lay our eggs
And run about
And nothing will alarm us
And nobody with harm us there
We will feed and breed
We're sure to succeed
when we all live there.

(Scary music with a beat goes under the dialogue.)

Possum:

Hey, what about us?

Rat:

Yeah, what about us? We're creatures too, ARE WE NOT?

Cat:

There's a book waiting for us too you know.

Stoat:

Not if I can help it. I say we team up.

R, C, and P *(a line each)*:

Yeah.

Sure.

I agree.

S *(rapped to the beat)*:

Rats and cats and possums and stoats

C:

Let's hide in the engines down in the boats

P:

We don't like poison, traps or guns

R:

They're trying to eradicate us one by one

All:

Rats and cats and possums and stoats

We want fresh meat

Let's go for the boats!

Beats end with a crash. Whistles blow.

Pest Police:

Stop. STOP. Sorry. Hold it.

No rats, cats, possums, or stoats allowed on these boats.

And no SNEAKing on EITHER!

S:

Darn it. Now what?

P:

I wish we could have our own little island too.

R:

But what would we eat?

C:

Hmm. We'd have to eat each other!

P:

We may have to give in gracefully and maybe someday...

S:

Give in? NO WAY!

P:

Hey a possum can dream can't he?

C:

No harm in dreaming I suppose.

PESTS CHORUS

Pests:

I'm dreaming of an island...

All:

In the middle of an ocean
A pretty little island in the dream
Where we're allowed to make you scream

(key change)

It's a special kind of heaven
Where they let you go on living
Where there aren't any quarantine police
And a pest can rest in peace

(key change)

We're going to island
In the middle of a bright blue sky
And now is the hour...
(we want to feed and breed - we are sure to succeed
when we all live there)
...for us to say goodbye.

Goodbyes are shouted, sung, hissed, and growled.

THE POWELLIPHANTA POLKA

David:

WOW – powelliphanta
Never seen it before
So difficult to find
On the dark forest floor
A hermaphrodite
AND a true carnivore –

Birds:

Are you sure?

David:

Yes I am

Birds:

Should we hide in the ferns?

David:

Oh no, though they're carnivorous
They only eat worms

Birds:

They eat worms?
So do we!
So sad for the worms
but I'm glad it's not me.

Cam:

WOW – powelliphanta
Never seen them before
So difficult to film
On the dark forest floor
But my digital video
will show their appeal

Birds:

Can we see?

Cam:

No you can't.

Birds:

Will it be on TV?

Cam:

Yes, but isn't it better to
see them for real?

Birds:

Yes indeed, very true
And the same thing applies
To the rest of us too.

Sam:

WOW – powelliphanta
Never seen them before

So difficult to hear
On the dark forest floor
With hardly a sound
As they slither along

Snails: (*faint snail singing*)

Birds:

What was that?
Do they sing?

Sam:

I can't hear anything.

Snails: (*louder snail singing*)

Oh we'll have to sing louder
To join in this song
And we can and we will
We're powelliphanta
And quite musical.

We're powelliphanta
And we're in decline
But that's not a reason
To grizzle or whine
Even right down
to the last in the land

Birds:

They can sing!

Snails:

All the time!

Birds:

Without reason or rhyme?

Snails:

Yes, we sing when we can't
And we sing when we can.
Yes, we sing
all the time
without reason or rhyme -
we sing when we can't
and we sing when we can.

All:

Yes, we sing
even down
to the last in the land -
we sing when we can't
and we sing when we can
Yes, we sing
even down
to the last in the land -
we sing when we can't
and we si- i - ing when we can.

(We sing all the time
without reason or rhyme we sing
- when we can't sing we can -
we sing even down
to the last in the land -
we sing when we can't
and we si – i - ing when we can)

POISON

Rat and Stoat:

You say you're gonna do away with me
But I know better
You say you never get a thing for free
But I know better

All:

Yeah, we all gotta eat -
A bit of give and take
So I'm a little destructive
Give me a break

All:

I'm not dead yet
Gonna run for your money
And live life
Tail in the air
I'm not dead yet
Gonna run for your money
Put your money where my mouth is
I don't care!

Cat and Possum:

You say you're gonna do away with me
But I know better
You say you never get a thing for free
But I know better

All:

So I'm a little destructive
It's not a mistake
I was born this
Now give me a break!!

You give me poison
Give it for free
But you're never gonna take
the freedom out of me
Freedom
Given for free
You're never gonna take
the poison out of meeee!
'Cause I'm alive
Gonna run for your money
Put your money where my mouth is
I will survive.

We're not dead yet
Gonna run for your money
And live life
Tail in the air
We're not dead yet
A list birds: (They're not dead yet!)
Gonna run for your money
A list birds: (They're not dead yet!)
Put your money where my mouth is
A list birds: (NOT DEAD! NOT DEAD! AAAAAHHHHHH)
Put your money where my mouth is
I don't care!

TAKAHE DAY

It's a takahe day and life is sweet
I've got cool blue feathers and a big red beak
My wings don't fly but I don't care
'cos I don't want to go anywhere
It's a takahe day and life is choice
I love to hear the sound of my shrieky voice
I stalk around the hillside, pose and shout
Because there aren't any predators to freak me out
It's a takahe day and life is fine
I don't mind rain or full sunshine
Either way's ok by me
'cos it's a what-the-hey takahe day you see
it's a what-the-hey takahe day

TakaheDance.

We do the Tiritiri-matangi kick
And the Tiritiri-matangi flick
And the Tiritiri-matangi hop
And the Tiritiri-matangi bop

We do the Tiritiri-matangi skip
And the Tiritiri-matangi dip
And the Tiritiri-matangi creep
And the Tiritiri-matangi leap

It's a takahe day and life is fine
Rain or shine
Either way's ok by me
'cos it's a what-the-hey takahe day you see
it's a what-the-hey takahe day for me
IT'S A WHAT THE HEY takahe day

THAT SONG IN THE NIGHT

Kakapo:

is life like a party
full and alive
and sometimes a peril
too hard to survive?
who'd have thought we would learn to like apples
who'd have thought helicopters
would help us to fly

or is life like a dream
a dream of a place
like an uncharted island
where no one is safe?
who'd have thought we would learn to like people
who'd have thought we'd be famous for
more than a face

that song in the night
that no one sings
that journey you take
on flightless wings
alone in the dark
you think of these things
and how close you have come
to not seeing the sunrise
as you're closing your eyes

All: who'd have thought they would learn to like people?
who'd have thought helicopters would help them to fly?
who'd have thought they would learn to like people?
who'd have thought they'd be famous
because they survived?

and that song in the night
that no one sings
that journey you take
on flightless wings
alone in the dark
you think of these things
you think of these things
and how close you have come
to not seeing the sunrise
as you're closing your eyes
as you're closing your eyes
as you're closing your eyes

THE DAWN CHORUS

All:

Life can be a trial
One way or another
Got to get together to
Help with a recovery
Plant a little flax
Eradicate a pest
Then give yourself a break
We can do the rest

Are you ready for the dawn chorus?
Wake up – we've got our lives before us
Just an hour til the sun rises
What a treat when you open your eyes and hear
Everybody singing - la la la la, la la la la
Are you ready for the dawn chorus
Wake up – we've got our lives before us
Just an hour til the sun rises
Everybody singing along
You can join us any dawn, any morning – aaaah.

Life's a competition
Everybody's in it
Gotta find a way for
Everyone to win it
Up before the sunrise
Just to feed the family
Stop! look up! and see us
Rocking in the canopy
Rocking in the canopy

Are you ready for the dawn chorus?
Wake up – we've got our lives before us
Just an hour til the sun rises
Everybody singing along - want to join us?

Hey, Kakariki, don't give in!
Look at all the people gonna help you win
So you're on the red list -
Build another nest,
lay another egg,
THEY will do the rest
Are you ready?
Are you ready now?

Are you ready for the dawn chorus?
Wake up – we've got our lives before us

Just an hour til the sun rises
What a treat when you open your eyes and hear
Everybody singing - la la la la, la la la la
Are you ready for the dawn chorus
(Rocking in the canopy)
Wake up – we've got our lives before us
(Are you ready, are you?)
Just an hour til the sun rises
(Rocking in the canopy)
Everybody singing along
You can join us any dawn, any morning – aaaah.

ISLAND DREAMS FINALE

A list birds:

Thank you DOC
For all you've done
We love our little island in the sun
Our numbers are increasing every year
Because we live here

We love our little island
In the middle of the ocean
Our little island in the sun
Where can lay our eggs and run around
and nobody can hurt us
we are living here courtesy of DOC
we are doing our best
and the rest is up to luck

Humans:

It's gotta be wise to make a change
When you're living in a place that's full of danger
Gotta make a real life, healthy and fun
Better than a dream one

Pests:

Don't wake me up - I like this dream
I'm living on an island, clean and green
There isn't any poison in my food
And nobody wants me gone for gooooooood!!
(Island Dream – they're definitely dreaming.)

All:

We love our little island
In the middle of the ocean
Our little island in the sun
Where we can lay our eggs
And run about and nobody can hurt us
We are living here courtesy of DOC
We are doing our best
and the rest is up to luck.

Doing our best and the rest is guesswork
Doing our best and the rest is luck
Doing our best and the rest in guesswork
Doing our best and the rest is luck.
Doing our best to have a little fun in the sun
(Don't wake me up - I like this dream)
Doing our best and the
Rest is yet to come.