

Beds Are Burning

by Midnight Oil

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Voices for Reconciliation. We sing in honour of the memory of Rob Hirst.

♩ = 120 Rock!

INTRO: 6 beats of cow-bell

The time has come! The time has come!

VERSE 1

7
Out where the ri - ver broke the blood-wood and the de-sert oak Hol-den wrecksand

PRE-CHORUS 1

12
boi-ling die-sels Steam in for - ty - five de-grees The time has come to

17
say fair's fair to pay the rent to pay our share

22
The time has come a fact's a fact It be-

27
longs to them Let's give it back Give it back!

32 [foot-stomps] CHORUS 1
[stomp stomp stomp] How can we dance when our earth is tur-ning?

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How do we sleep while our beds are bur - ning?

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How can we dance when our earth is tur - ning?

45

How do we sleep while our beds are bur - ning? The

49 **BRIDGE 1**

time has come to say fair's fair to pay the rent now, to pay our share

54 **INTERLUDE: like a road-train horn**

Bah bah bah bah bah _____

58 **VERSE 2**

Four wheels scare the cock - a - toos _____ from Kin - tore East to Yuen - du - mu The

62

west - ern de - sert lives and breathes in for - ty five de - grees _____ The

66 **PRE-CHORUS 2**

time has come to say fair's fair to pay the rent to pay our share

73

The time has come a fact's a fact It be - longs to them Let's

80

give it back Give it back! [stomp stomp stomp] [tap tap tap]

84 CHORUS 2

How can we dance when our earth is tur - ning?

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How do we sleep while our beds are bur - ning?

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How can we dance when our earth is tur - ning?

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How do we sleep while our beds are bur-ning? How do we sleep? How do we sleep? The

BRIDGE 2

100

time has come to say fair's fair, to pay the rent now, to pay our share The

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time has come a fact's a fact It be - longs to them, we're gon - na give it back

108 CODA

give it back! give it back! [stomp stomp tap] The time has come!