

# 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! Oo\_\_\_\_\_

VERSE 1: "Out where the river broke, the bloodwood and the"

de- sert oak Hol - den wrecks and

PRE-CHORUS 1

boi- ling die- sels Steam in for - ty - five de- gree's The time has come to

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

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

longs to them Let's give it back\_\_\_\_\_ Give it back!

[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?

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

**BRIDGE 1**

49

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

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

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Bah bah bah bah bah

**VERSE 2: "Four wheels scare the cockatoos"**

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The cock - a - toos

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

**PRE-CHORUS 2: "The time has come"**

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to say fair's fair to pay the rent to payour share The time has

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come a fact's a fact it be-longs to them Let's give it back Give it back!

CHORUS 2

82 *[foot-stomps]* *[thigh-taps]*

[stomp stomp stomp] [tap tap tap] How can we dance when our earth is tur-ning?

86

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

91 *optional Sop 1/ Sop 2 divisi*

How do we sleep? Oh— how can we dance when our earth is tur-ning?

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

BRIDGE 2: *optional Sop 1/ Sop 2 divisi*

100

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

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share, The time has come a fact's a fact— we're gon-na give it back

CODA

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