

Beds Are Burning

by Midnight Oil

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

*NOTE: TENOR is scored for both female & male voices, with male tenors & female tenors in octave-unison
on the verses, as modelled on the Tenor Demo MP3.*

♩ = 120 **Rock!**

INTRO: 6 beats of cow-bell

The time has come! The time has come!

VERSE 1

Out where the ri - ver broke the blood-wood and the de-sert oak__

Hol - den wrecks and boi - ling die-sels Steam in for - ty - five de - grees The

PRE-CHORUS 1

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

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

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

BRIDGE 1

49

 8 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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 8 Bah bah bah bah bah _____

VERSE 2

58

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


62

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

PRE-CHORUS 2

66

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

73

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

80

give it back Give it back! [foot-stomps] [tap on thighs]

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

CHORUS 2

84

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

88

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

CODA

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