



A MUSICAL PLAY
WRITTEN BY JACK G. MAYNARD, JR.



Dear keepers of the environment,

I am pleased to provide you with a play that is sure to become an important part of your program this year and for years to come. This play has been performed at schools, a church music camp and environmental fundraisers. Because of the great reviews and feedback from this involvement, I have created materials for you to produce an enjoyable, creative, educational play. Life Is A Cycle teaches important social values of teamwork, responsibility, respect and participation.

This play was written as my gift to the people of Planet Earth in celebration and gratitude for my life. Appreciation for life is a learned process beginning at birth. When family, friends, and teachers share the miracle of nature with children, they are expressing and teaching love for life on our planet. It is my hope that people more fully appreciate the gift of life and are grateful for the planet that supports them. Furthermore, I wish for this play and its songs to be remembered and passed on to generations forever.

Pass it on,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack G. Maynard, Jr." in a cursive style.

Jack G. Maynard, Jr.



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SYNOPSIS

Celebrating life and taking care of our planet is the message of this musical. Taking responsibility to continue and improve the life cycle for future generations is the objective. Creatively performed through voice, song and dance, the characters share their important contribution to the life cycle. They powerfully send a message of their condition and ask for the support they need. They discuss Pollution's damage to Earth, Water, and Air. The characters face their fears and find ways to overcome their problems. Through teamwork, they find hope and bring forth positive changes for the future. This musical is uplifting, creating a positive attitude and environmental awareness in all who are involved.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Cast requires minimum of nine main characters, plus unlimited chorus members. Created for ages 10 and up. Set requirements are a nature scene as desired. Running time approximately 50 minutes.

The following represents partial words and verses from all songs for review.

SONG OF THE AIR (RAP)

Hey, you guys, don't gimme smoke and gas.
I'm a tough guy, how can I last?
Not hard to see damage you've done.
Irritate your eyes, blacken your lungs.
Let's get smart, find a solution
to stop right now all that pollution.
Oh man... nasty stuff.
All right now, check me out on this one.
All around the earth, listen for my sound.
Wherever you go, I'll be hangin' 'round.
You can't see me, I can see you.
Air's what you want, I do it for you.



TEAMWORK

Teamwork, teamwork just workin' everyday.
All doing our part the toil is just like play.
Side by side with you guys is really just great fun.
That's what keeps us doing jobs that never get done.
Yo, I'll make the plants so give me a hand.
Without you I'm nothing but great gobs of land.
With water and air I'll make you a tree,
grow other plants, anything you please.

SONG OF THE EARTH (REGGAE)

I'm Mother Earth, observe me with wonder.
Watch how I push up the plants from down under.
You stand on my surface, and jump up and down.
Your strength comes from me, you're on solid ground.
Plant your seeds deep in the richness of earth,
Up come the plants, It's my job to give birth
What would you do if I failed to give
food that you eat so that you can live?

WORK OUT YOUR PROBLEMS RIGHT NOW! (ROCK)

We all have problems, that's never gonna change.
They come up out of nowhere, no one to blame.
Everything is goin' great with all the elements.
The weather goes wild, not makin' any sense.
Out of control, destroying the land.
It's time to talk, make a new plan.
Open your eyes, don't deny what you see.
Don't turn your back on your reality.
Think with your mind, work with your heart
for the life's cycle, that's where you start.
Work on it, yeah get started.
Work out your problems right now!

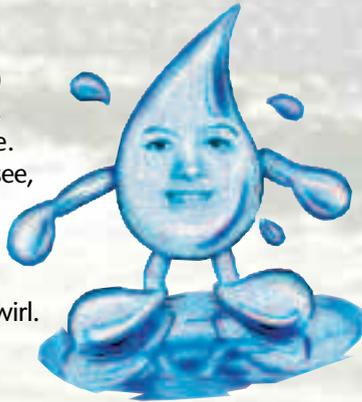


TREES BREATHE LIFE (BLUE GRASS)

Trees are a gift we can't take for granted.
Without them it's impossible for life on this planet.
Trees are so peaceful and so full of grace.
Both big ones and small ones give life to our race.
The earth it is blessed with all green things that grow.
They shelter the animals from wind, rain and snow.
Now where would we be if it weren't for the trees.
They breathe life to earth; sustain you and me.

SONG OF THE WATER (BALLAD)

You watch me fall from high above,
my soft fresh mist you feel with love.
Look across my ocean far as you can see,
I'll warm your soul so peacefully.
I love to shine, dance in the sun,
All over the earth, created to run.
Give me some help, I'll flow and I'll swirl.
Water for you my gift to the world.



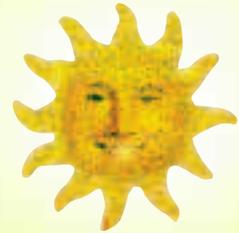
WE'RE CLEANING YOU UP

We're cleanin' you up; makin you shine.
Oh, that feels so good baby it's about time.
It's time.
A little scrub here; major work there.
Don't forget the grease and the smoke in the air.
Clean air.
You're gonna look great and feel really good.
Thanks for the help. I knew that I would.
Clean up.
C-L-E-A-N-U-P CLEAN-UP! C-L-E-A-N-U-P CLEAN-UP!



PASS THESE GIFTS ALONG

I'd like to teach humanity to love the earth and skies;
to share the gifts that they give but never use unwise.
The earth loves you so faithfully and it sustains your lives
with food from land, water from seas, and air from beautiful skies.
I want you all to see, things that I want for me,
are treasures we need to preserve for all eternity.



SHINE ON ME (SPOKEN POEM)

Shine on us you great big sun
Warm all the earth and everyone
Shine on us and give us light
You sunny old sun, you're a beautiful sight
I'll give you rays on golden fields
On lakes and streams, the reaching hills
I'm here for you, my purpose and plan
Is to give new life to all the land

LIFE IS A CYCLE

Life is a cycle that goes 'round and 'round;
a gift from the water the air and the ground;
a mystery from heaven a treasure God gives.
What a wonder a blessing that lets us all live.
Let's take time to figure out how we can make
a way to protect and replace things we take
from this earth, a planet, we all love the most;
a beautiful home and a wonderful host.



Life is a Cycle on the Planet Earth

A children's musical play created to celebrate life and protect our environment

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