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New England
Climate Summer Riders

The Rrraging Grrannies
of Grrreater Westerly
aged, enraged
&
politically engaged

The first Raging Grannies emerged in 1986 in Victoria, BC, to sing satirical songs protesting nukes, militarism, racism, clear-cut logging, and corporate greed. There are now more than 60 gaggles of grannies throughout Canada, Europe, and the United States ... some of us can actually carry a tune, but we're more interested in carrying a message: peace, justice, the environment, human rights—with the humor and perspective of our generation, and willing to mock ourselves along with the White House, Congress, and the Military-Industrial Complexities of the past, present, and future. We're always looking for recruits. If you're willing to look like an old granny, we take young as well as old, male, female, singers and non-singers. Rehearsals the first Saturday of most every month at 10am at the Friends Meetinghouse, 57 Elm Street, Westerly.

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We Have Just One World

Tune of *You Are My Sunshine*, (C/G)

We have just one world
Yes, only ONE world
Complete with sunshine, wind and rain
With ancient forests
And clear blue oceans
And living streams and fields of grain.

We have just one world
Yes, only ONE world
With purple mountains
And fruited plain....
And when we soil it
Pollute and spoil it
We'll never get that one world again.

Granny Marlies Parent

Radical Environmentalists

Tune of *She'll Be Comin' 'Round the Mountain* (D/A)

Oh we're RADICAL environmentalists,
Yes we're radical ENVIRONmentalists
We like clean air and clean WATER
Just like any farmer's daughter—
We are radical ENVIRONmentalists.

Oh we LIKE our veggies without pesticides,
And our meat without those HORMONES placed inside.
We like fish without PCB's
And our forests to have TREE-ses,
We are radical ENVIRONmentalists!

We like AUTOmobiles that do not pollute,
And we love those guns that simply cannot shoot,
We find natural seeds enticing
So forget genetic splicing—
We're radical ENVIRONmentalists!

Let's get ENERGY from wind and sun and stars,
Ride more bicycles and drive electric cars,
Let's recycle cans and paper,
So we all can tell our Maker
that we're radical ENVIRONMENTALISTS!

Drilling Off-Shore

Tune of *Mademoiselle from Armentières* (E_b / E_b)

Drill- ing off- shore to **get** more oil, **gnar-** ly **goo**,
Drill- ing off- shore to **get** more oil, **gnar-** ly **goo**,
Drill, ba- by drill to **get** more oil,
B P and Shell will **get** the spoil,
Ink- y stink- y **gnar-** ly **goo**.

Old Ron- ny Rea- gan **had** his flaws, **gnar-** ly **goo**,
Old Ron- ny Rea- gan **had** his flaws, **gnar-** ly **goo**,
Old Ron- ny Rea- gan, **no** Al Gore,
Still he banned drill- ing **off** the shore,
Ink- y stink- y **gnar-** ly **goo**.

U S of A, we **need** more oil, **gnar-** ly **goo**,
U S of A, we **need** more oil, **gnar-** ly **goo**,
U S of A, we **need** some more,
Lift up that ban to **drill** off shore,
Ink- y stink- y **gnar-** ly **goo**.

Litt- le George Bush, who **had** no clue, **gnar-** ly **goo**
Litt- le George Bush, who **had** no clue, **gnar-** ly **goo**
Litt- le George Bush, **God** help the boob,
He flushed that ban right **down** the tube,
Ink- y stink- y **gnar-** ly **goo**.

B' rack O- ba- ma's **lost** his way, **gnar-** ly **goo**,
B' rack O- ba- ma's **lost** his way, **gnar-** ly **goo**,
B' rack O- ba- ma's **lost** his way,
Now it's too late to **save** the day,
Ink- y stink- y **gnar-** ly **goo**.

Car- bon we belch, in **heat** we squelch, **gnar-** ly **goo**,
Car- bon we belch, in **heat** we squelch, **gnar-** ly **goo**,
Po- lar ice caps will **sure-** ly melt,
O- ceans will flood the **coast-** al belt,
Ink- y stink- y **gnar-** ly **goo**.

There's a Patch in The Ocean [There's a Hole in The Bucket (E_b/E_b)] *

1. There's a patch in the ocean,
Dear Grandchild, dear Grandchild.
It's a patch full of plastic,
Dear Grandchild, that patch.
2. How big is it, Granny,
Dear Granny, dear Granny?
How big is it, Granny?
How big is that patch?
3. It's the size of twice Texas,
Dear Grandchild, dear Grandchild.
The size of twice Texas,
Dear Grandchild, that big!
4. But how did it get there, dear Granny,
Dear Granny, dear Granny?
But how did it get there,
Dear Granny, say how!
5. My grocery wrappers,
Dear Grandchild, dear Grandchild,
My grocery wrappers
And your plastic toys.
6. But why does it matter,
Dear Granny, dear Granny?
But why does it matter?
And why should I care?
7. It kills lots of creatures,
Dear Grandchild, dear Grandchild.
It kills lot of creatures,
Dear Grandchild, it kills.
8. Then why don't you fix it,
Dear Granny, dear Granny?
Then why don't you fix it?
Dear Granny, fix it!
9. It's your world we borrowed,
Dear Grandchild, dear Grandchild,
It's your world, dear Grandchild,
We laid it to waste.
10. Let's clean up that trash patch,
Dear Granny, dear Granny,
Let's clean up that trash patch,
Dear Granny, that patch.

*See this link

(en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Pacific_Garbage_Patch)

for more about the Great Pacific Garbage Patch; Lyrics by

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