

Feeling the Heat

a song about climate change for unison treble voices and piano

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When temperatures in the UK hit 40C (104F) in the summer of 2022, Christopher Bell decided it was time for some songs about climate change. This song is about just a few of the consequences – for humans and for our fellow animals – of climate change. It's already happening and it's going to be rough.

duration c. 2:45

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*Heat rising,
Fires raging,
Ice melting,
Climate changing,
We are feeling the heat.*

*Seas rising,
Rain pounding,
Towns flooding,
Climate changing,
We are feeling the heat.*

Did you know and do you care that
bumble bees and polar bears and
ocean cod and mountain hares
are feeling the heat?

As the Earth heats up and the animals can't find food,
As they lose their homes and their whole way of life,
They are feeling the pain.

Heat rising, etc.

Seas rising, etc.

Did you know and do you care that
bumble bees and polar bears and
ocean cod and mountain hares
and butterflies and kittiwakes
and coral reefs and spotted frogs
are feeling the heat?

We can do our best to help the bees,
To eat less meat and to plant more trees,
But it's gonna get rough.

As the Earth heats up, things are gonna be tough.

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With solemn energy ♩ = 80

Voices

Piano

poco marcato

p

A *p*

S

Heat ri - sing, Fires rag - ing, Ice melt - ing,
Seas ri - sing, Rain pound - ing, Towns flood - ing,

Pno.

p

f

8

S

Cli - mate chang - ing, We are feel - ing the heat.
Cli - mate chang - ing, We are feel - ing the heat.

Pno.

f

B *mf*

S

Did you know and do you care that bum - ble bees and po - lar bears and

Pno.

mf

Detailed description: This system contains measures 1 through 8 of the piece. The Soprano part is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, some beamed together. The Piano accompaniment is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The right hand plays chords, mostly triads and dyads, while the left hand plays a simple bass line with eighth and sixteenth notes. The dynamic marking *mf* (mezzo-forte) is present at the beginning of the piano part.

13

S

o - cean cod and mount - ain hares are feel - ing the heat? As the

Pno.

p

Detailed description: This system contains measures 9 through 12. Measure 13 is indicated at the start. The Soprano part continues with the melody, ending with a phrase that spans measures 11 and 12. The Piano accompaniment continues with chords and a bass line. In measure 12, the piano part features a crescendo leading to a *p* (piano) dynamic marking in measure 13. The piano part ends with a series of chords in the right hand and a sustained bass line in the left hand.

16

S

Earth heats up and the an - i - mals can't find food, As they lose their homes and their

Pno.

mf

Detailed description: This system contains measures 13 through 16. Measure 16 is indicated at the start. The Soprano part continues with the melody. The Piano accompaniment continues with chords and a bass line. The dynamic marking *mf* (mezzo-forte) is present at the beginning of the piano part in measure 13. The piano part ends with a series of chords in the right hand and a sustained bass line in the left hand.

19

S

whole way of life, They are feel-ing the pain.

Pno.

p

C

mf \leq *f* *mf* \leq *f* *mf* \leq *f*

S

Heat ri - sing, Fires rag - ing, Ice melt - ing,
Seas ri - sing, Rain pound-ing, Towns flood-ing,

Pno.

mf \leq *f* *mf* \leq *f* *mf* \leq *f*

25

mf \leq *f*

S

Cli - mate chang-ing, We are feel-ing the heat.
Cli - mate chang-ing, We are feel-ing the heat.

Pno.

f *mf*

D *p*

S

Did you know and do you care that bum - ble bees and po - lar bears and

Pno. *p*

optional: at bar 31, have four groups take one each of butterflies, kittiwakes, coral reefs and spotted frogs

30

S

o - cean cod and mount - ain hares and but - ter - flies and kit - ti - wakes and

Pno.

32

S

co - ral reefs and spot - ted frogs are feel - ing the heat? We can

Pno. *f* *mf*

35

S

do our best to help the bees, to eat less meat and to

Pno.

38

f

S

plant more trees, But it's gon-na get rough. As the

Pno.

f

41

S

Earth heats up things are gon-na be tough.

Pno.