



a chorus of women

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

ALL THE PEOPLE

This land is the song of Indigenous people
All those who walked here and all their descendants
Song of the creatures and spirits of Dreaming
Song of the children and culture they lost

This land holds the lines of its earliest owners
Custodians who respected the earth
Lines of their knowledge and wisdom of elders
We ask to walk with you in concord and peace

Words Hazel Hall Music Glenda Cloughley

LAMENT

A CHORUS OF WOMEN

Open the doors of the chambers of your hearts
Open your minds to our song
We sing for peace through the power of love
Hear the wisdom of women Hear our song

Weep for our sisters in danger
Weep for our brothers and children
Sound the cries of grief and despair
Sound the lament for the dead

THE CALL

Would you give your voice to the Song of Life?
Would you give your promise to children and Earth?
Will you sing for peace through the power of love
So lament will turn to renewal?

THE RESPONSE

ALL THE PEOPLE

We give our voice to the Song of Life
We give our promise to children and Earth
We sing for peace through the power of love
So lament will turn to renewal

*Words Glenda Cloughley Music Judith Clingan AM
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THE PROMISE

ALL THE PEOPLE

Gaia! We, your people,
We sing our promise to turn the tide to harmony
Of the mortal law of people and cities
And the immortal law of Earth and Sky

Gaia! We are the voice of our children's hope
We are the trust of creatures and plants
We the dreamers We the singers
Will never tire of telling you your gifts

Words and music Glenda Cloughley

SONGS FOR THE PEOPLE'S CHORUS

20th anniversary of 150 Canberra women singing Lament in Parliament House
for the Iraqi people as Australia joined the US-led invasion of Iraq

Australian Parliament House