



a chorus of women

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

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
Original Lament 2003, The Call and Response 2023*

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 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

Acknowledgement of Country

Words Hazel Hall
 Music Glenda Cloughley
 A Chorus of Women, Canberra

WOMEN AND MEN

MELODY

Alto

Bass

S.

MEL

A.

B.

S.

MEL

A.

B.

This land is the song of In - di - gen - ous peo - ples

Aah

Aah

Aah

Aah

All those who walked here and all their descend-ants Song of the crea-tures and spi-rits of

Aah

Aah

Aah

Aah

Dream-ing Song of the chil-dren and cul-ture they lost

Aah

Aah

2

S. 10 Aah _____

MEL 6 This land holds the lines of its ear-li-est own-ers Cus

A. 6 Aah _____ Aah _____ Aah

B. 9:8 Aah _____ Aah _____

S. 14 Aah _____

MEL to - di ans who re-spect-ed the Lines of their know-ledge and wis-dom of

A. to - di ans who re-spect-ed the earth Lines of their know-ledge and wis-dom of

B. Aah _____ Aah _____

S. 17 el - ders We ask to walk with you in con-cord and peace

MEL el - ders We ask to walk with you in con-cord and peace

A. Aah _____

B. Aah _____

Lament

words Glenda Cloughley 2003, 2023
music Judy Clingan 2003, 2023

MELODY

Ululation

O - pen the doors of the cham bers of your hearts,
drone on middle C continues to the end of verse 1 (bar 35)

Alto

7

O - pen your minds to our song, _____ We

11

sing for peace, through the power of love, hear the

15

wis - dom of wo - men, hear our song. _____

19

Ululation

Weep for our sis - ters in dan - ger, _____

25

Weep for our bro - thers and chil - dren, _____

29

Sound the cries of grief and des - pair, _____

33

sound the la - ment for the dead.

36

CALL: women

Would you give your voice to the song of life? Would

41

you give your pro - mise to chil - dren and earth? Will you

45

sing for peace through the po - wer of love, so la -

49

ment will turn to re - new - al

53

*RESPONSE: men join in melody or bass drone
(sopranos continue on high drone)*

We give our voice to the song of life,

bass drone continues until end of this section (bar 67)

57

We give our pro - mise to chil - dren and earth, We sing for

62

peace through the power of love, so la - ment will turn to re - new - al

SOPRANO

(some sopranos continue upper C drone, held notes)

68

Would you give your voice to the song of life? Would you give your pro-mise to

CALL: women

Would you give your voice to the song of life? Would you give your pro-mise to

(altos start again on middle C drone, singing the words)

chil-dren and earth? Will you sing for peace through the po-er of

chil-dren and earth? Will you sing for peace through the po-er of

love, so la - ment will turn to re - new - al

love, so la - ment will turn to re - new - al

85 **RESPONSE: men join in melody or bass line**

SOPRANO

We give our voice to the song_____ of life,

MELODY

We give our voice to the song_____ of life,

ALTO

We give our voice to the song_____ of life,

BASS

We give our voice to the song_____ of life,

89 SOP

We give our pro - mise to chil - dren and earth, We

MELODY

We give our pro - mise to chil - dren and earth, We

ALTO

We give our pro - mise to chil - dren and earth, We

BASS

We give our pro - mise to chil - dren and earth, We

93 SOP

sing for peace through the power of love, so la -

MELODY

sing for peace through the power of love, so la -

ALTO

sing for peace through the power of love, so la -

BASS

sing for peace through the power of love, so la -

97 SOP

ment will turn to re - new - al!

MELODY

ment will turn to re - new - al!

ALTO

ment will turn to re - new - al!

BASS

ment will turn to re - new - al!

THE PROMISE

for The People's Chorus
Australian Parliament House 2023

Glenda Cloughley

Soprano SOPRANO

Alto ALTO Gai - a! We, your peo-ple, We sing our pro-mise to

MEN AND WOMEN

MELODY

Bass Gai - a! We, your peo-ple, We sing our pro-mise to

Gai - a! We, your peo-ple, We sing our pro-mise to

5

S. turn the tide to har - mo ny Of the mor - tal law of

A. turn the tide to har - mo ny Of the mor - tal law of

MEL turn the tide to har - mo ny Of the mor - tal law of

B. turn the tide to har - mo ny Of the mor - tal law of

8

S. peo-ple and ci - ties, And the im - mor-tal law of Earth and Sky.

A. peo-ple and ci - ties, And the im-mort-al law of Earth and Sky.

MEL peo-people and ci - ties, And the im-mortal law of Earth and Sky.

B. peo-people and ci - ties, And the im-mort-al law of Earth and Sky.

11

S. Gai - a! We are the voice of our child - ren's hope.

A. Gai - a! We are the voice of our child - ren's hope.

MEL Gai - a! We are the voice of our child - ren's hope.

B. Gai - a! We are the voice of our child - ren's hope.

15

S. We are the trust of crea-tures and plants. Oh, We the dream - ers,

A. We are the trust of crea-tures and plants. Oh, We the dream - ers,

MEL We are the trust of crea-tures and plants. Oh, We the dream - ers,

B. We are the trust of crea-tures and plants. Oh, We the dream - ers,

18

S. We the sing-ers, will ne - ver tire of tell-ing you your gifts...

A. We the sing-ers will ne - ver tire of tell-ing you your gifts.

MEL We the sing-ers, will ne - ver tire of tell-ing you your gifts.

B. We the sing-ers, will ne - ver tire of tell-ing you your gifts.