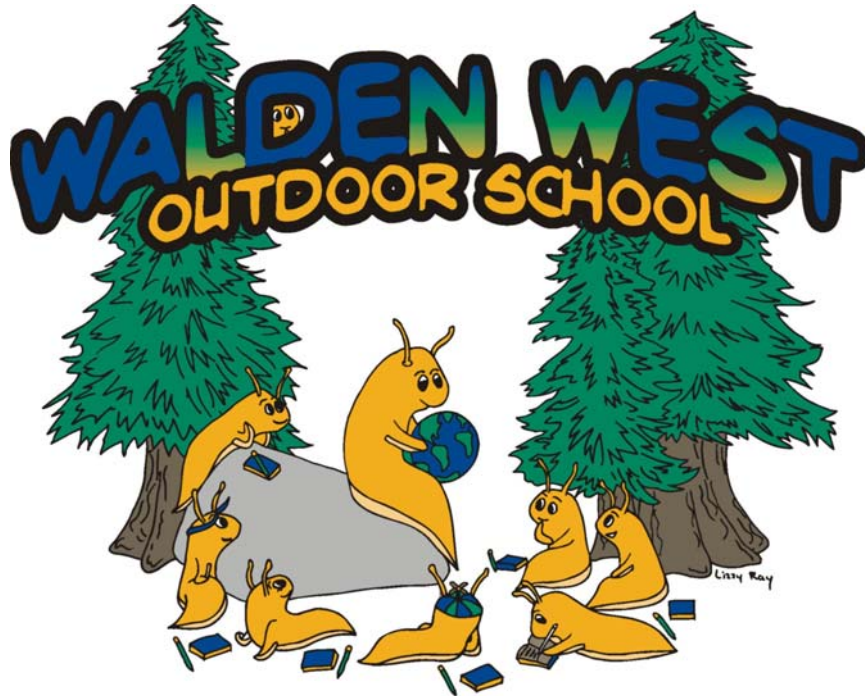


GREATEST HITS

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songwriters for their work, however
there were a few tunes we could not
find authors for! If you see your
work in here without recognition,
please let us know!!*

Bags of Water

Buttercup Bill

CHORUS:

F G C
We're all bags of water
F G C
And your bag is like no other
F G Am Em
Some short, some tall, some big, some small
F G C
We're all bags of water

ALTERNATE KEY

C D G

C D G

C D Em Bm

C D G

- 1) All of life depends
On a bond as strong as best friends
Two elements involved that allow life to evolve
Two hydrogens and one big oxygen

CHORUS

- 2) You go a few days without drinkin'
You'll find your bag is shrinkin'
You'll start to sag as life becomes a drag
So be sure to drink plenty of water!

CHORUS

- 3) The water in ya doesn't stay too long
You'll lose some as you sing this song
On the trail as you pee you give water to a tree
We all share this precious molecule

CHORUS

- 4) So next time you get a drink
Be sure to STOP...and think
Of a solution to help reduce pollution
For we all need this water

CHORUS

Banana Slug

Kevin Beals

Alternate Keys: C (c, f, g), D (d, g, a) or G (g, c, d)

CHORUS:

G G G G G
Ba...Na...Na...Slug! Slug! Slug! Slug!
C F G F (or G)
Banana Slug (banananananana)
C F G F (or G)
Banana Slug (banananananana)
C F G F (or G)
Banana Slug (banananananana)
C F G F (or G)
Banana Slug

- 1) **C** **F G**
You know I love my baby (love my baby)
 F C **F G**
I love the way that she hugs (way she hugs)
 F C **F G**
Some people don't understand it (don't understand it)
 F C **F G**
She's a Banana Slug (banana slug)
- 2) She's just got one foot
 She ain't got no toes
 She hangs out in the forest
 And helps it decompose
- 3) The way she wiggles her antenna
 You know it gives me such bliss
 I said c'mon c'mon Banana Slug
 Let me give you a kiss
- 4) And when she slides through the forest
 You know she looks so fine
 I said c'mon c'mon Banana Slug
 Let me lick off your slime
- 5) Some folks say she's gross
 Don't wanna hear that jive
 If it weren't for my baby
 The forest might not survive
- 6) (the extra forbidden verse!)
 You know I love my baby
 But she doesn't love me
 Cause it's hermaphroditic
 And she is also a He!

Bats Eat Bugs

Banana Slug String Band

CHORUS:

D G
Bats eat bugs, they don't eat people
D A
Bats eat bugs, they don't fly in your hair
D G
Bats eat bugs, they eat insects for dinner
D A D
That's why they're flyin' out there!
BOOM BOOM BOOM!

- 1) Coyotes eat rabbits, they don't eat people
 Coyotes eat rabbits, 'cause you're too big to bite
 Coyotes eat rabbits, they eat bunnies for dinner
 That's why they're out in the night (Boom, Boom, Boom!)

CHORUS

- 2) Snakes eat mice, they don't eat people
 Snakes eat mice, that's why they crawl on the ground
 Snakes eat mice, 'cause you're too big to swallow
 So they don't want you hangin' around (Boom, Boom, Boom!)

CHORUS

- 3) Bears eat berries they don't eat people
 Bears eat berries they won't eat you or me
 Bears eat berries and they'll steal your dinner
 So you better hang it up in a tree (Boom, Boom, Boom!)

CHORUS

- 4) Nothing out there wants to eat you
 Nothing out there wants to make you its meal
 Nothing out there wants to have you for dinner
 'Cause they know how sick they would feel. (improvise...)

CHORUS

Chiggy Cheer

A C G A C
Hey there (name) You're a real cool cat
 G A C G A C
You got a whole lot of this, and a whole lot of that
So stand right up and shake your rear
Show us how to do the Chiggy Cheer

A	(blank strum)
Hands Up	Chiggy Chiggy – Chiggy Chiggy
Hands down	Chiggy Chiggy – Chiggy Chiggy
To the side	Chiggy Chiggy – Chiggy Chiggy
Other side	Chiggy Chiggy – Chiggy Chiggy

Repeat using boys, girls, cabin leaders, teachers....

Dance, Dance, Dance

Steve Miller Band

- 1) **G** **C**
My grandpa, he's ninety-five
G **D**
He keeps on dancin', he's still alive
G **C**
My grandma, she's ninety-two
G **D**
She loves to dance and sing some too
G **C**
I don't know, but I been told
G **D**
If you keep on dancin' you'll never grow old
G **C**
Come on darlin', put a pretty dress on
G **D** **G**
We're gonna go out tonight

CHORUS

C **Em** **Am**
And Dance, Dance, Dance
C **Em** **Am**
Dance, Dance, Dance
C **Em** **Am**
Dance, Dance, Dance,
G
All night long

- 2) I'm a hard workin' man
I'm a son of a gun
I been workin' all week in the noonday sun
Wood's in the kitchen
Cow's in the barn
I'm all cleaned up and my chores are all done
Take my hand, come along
Let's go out and have some fun
Come on darlin' put a pretty dress on
We're gonna go out tonight

CHORUS

- 3) Come on darlin', don't look that way
Don't you know when you smile I got to say
You're my honey pumpkin love, you're my heart's delight
Don't you wanna go out tonight
You're such a sweet lady, you're such a pretty girl
When you dance you brighten up my world
Come on darlin' put a pretty dress on
We're gonna go out tonight

CHORUS

Decomposition

Steve Van Zandt

- 1) D G7
Is there waste, well I don't know
D G7
One thing dies to let another grow
D G7
This circle we see most every day
D C D
The name that we call it is decay

CHORUS

F C
Come on all you people, gather 'round
F C
Breakdown and listen, to decomposition

- D - G - D - G - D - G - C - G (3x)
GROUP 1: (while making munching motions with hands)
Muncha, muncha, muncha, muncha
GROUP 2: (while rolling arms around and around)
De-comp-osition
GROUP 3: (standing up, pointing fingers down)
I get down, I break down
1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - 3 - YEAH!

- 2) There are many kinds of bugs
Worms and snails and banana slugs
They are useful for me and you
They help to make the soil renew

CHORUS

- 3) Decomposition is a useful game
A tree drops its leaves but they don't stay the same
A bug chews them up and spits them back out
Making the soil for a new tree to sprout

CHORUS

Alternate Key Verse:

E A7
E A7
E A7
E D E

CHORUS

G D
G D

E A7 E A7 E A7 D A7

Dirt Made My Lunch

Steve Van Zandt

CHORUS

G

Dirt made my lunch (do, do-do, do)

C

G

Dirt made my lunch

C

G

Thank you dirt, thanks a bunch

C

G

For my salad, my sandwich, my milk and my munch

D

G

Because dirt, ya made my lunch

1) **C** **G**
Dirt is a word we often use

C **G**
When we talk about the earth beneath our shoes

C **G**
It's a place where plants can sink their toes

D
And in a little while, a garden groooooooooowwwwws! (hold)

CHORUS

2) A farmer's plow will tickle the ground
You know the earth has laughed when wheat is found
The grain is taken and flour is ground
For making a sandwich, to munch on doooooooooowwwwwn!

CHORUS

3) A stubby green beard grows upon the land
Out of the soil the grass will stand
But under a hoof, it must bow
For making milk, by way of a cow, mooooooooooooooooooooo!

Evil Waste

Robert Webster

- 1) **Am D Am D**
You've got to change your evil waste, BABY!
Am D Am D
Because the landfills are getting full.
Am D Am D
You've got to change, BABY!
Am D Am D
Your wastin' ways are growin' old.

CHORUS

Am D Am D
You must reduce it, reuse it, recycle your waste
Am D Am D
Go tell your parents, your neighbors, to compost today
E (pause)
This can't go oooooon...
Am
You know you've got to change.

- 2) When you're at meals, BABY!
Food you don't eat just goes to waste.
Waffles and tacos, BABY!
I see them sitting there on your plate.

CHORUS

- 3) When you're at home, BABY!
The faucet's drippin' and the lights are on.
Water is life, BABY!
Conserve it now before it's gone.

CHORUS

Food Chain

Chorus:

G D E G E
Predators and prey, producers and decay are in the food chain, a-chain-chain
Predators and prey, producers and decay are in the food chain, a-chain-chain

- E D E G E
- 1) Plants are producers they are the sun-users in the food chain, a-chain-chain
 They make food from the sun, the food chain has begun in the food chain, a-chain-chain
- 2) Rabbit comes along and eats the plants down in the food chain, a-chain-chain
 The plants have more to feed that herbivore in the food chain, a-chain-chain

CHORUS

- 3) Coyote likes to eat, a little rabbit meat in the food chain, a-chain-chain
 It makes his day, to eat some rabbit prey in the food chain, a-chain-chain
- 4) Coyote lifts his tail, and scats out on the trail in the food chain, a-chain-chain
 For bugs that's a deal, scat's a gourmet meal in the food chain, a-chain-chain

CHORUS

- 5) Scat will decompose, a new plant grows in the food chain, a-chain-chain
 The food chain never ends, it just begins again in the food chain, a-chain-chain
- 6) You can see from this song, how energy moves along in the food chain, a-chain-chain
 So eat your food my friend, but think of where its been in the food chain, a-chain-chain

CHORUS

The Funky Newt

Spider

- 1) E9 I know a funky newt from California D9 – A9
 E9 You better listen up and let me warn ya D9 – A9
 E9 They walk pretty slow on the ground D9 – A9
 E9 So watch your step and look around D9 – A9

Chorus:

- E9 mute strum
Us: The newts we love them Kids: We want 'em to stay
 E9 mute strum
Us: The newts we love them Kids: And we hope they may
 E9 mute strum
Us: The newts we love them Kids: Don't squish them flat
 E9
All: We like newts round and fat. HUH!

- 2) My friend the newt is an amphibian
 It grooves in the shade but not in the sun
 They're on their way down to the river
 They have some eggs to deliver.

CHORUS

- 3) The salamanders are their kin
 They have poison glands in their skin
 Their big green eyes will hypnotize ya
 Their bright yellow belly will mesmerize ya

CHORUS

- 4) They have five toes on their hind feet
 But four in front, now ain't that sweet
 Their skin is rough, yeah rough like a toad
 It bums me out when they're flat on the road

CHORUS

- 5) So be careful and watch what you do
 Newts don't like the bottom of your shoe
 If you see one check it out
 It might just make you want to shout

CHORUS

Go into the Night

Steve Van Zandt

CHORUS

G **Am**
Go into the night, there's music in the night
C (or F) **G**
Singing out a song that's clear

- 1) **G** **Am**
The Great-Horned Owl is a night time pal
C(or F) **G**
With a song that you can hear
Am **G**
And the owls you can hear...

CHORUS

- 2) The mournful note of a lone coyote
Is a song that you can hear
And the coyotes you can hear
And the owls you can hear

CHORUS

- 3) Down in the bog there's a bunch of frogs
With a song that you can hear
And the frogs you can hear
And the coyotes you can hear
And the owls you can hear

CHORUS

- 4) Deep in the thicket there's a lot of crickets
With a song that you can hear
And the crickets you can hear
And the frogs you can hear
And the coyotes you can hear
And the owls you can hear

CHORUS

- 5) The silent wonder of the people's hearts
Will melt away their fears
And the silence you can hear...
And the crickets you can hear
And the frogs you can hear
And the coyotes you can hear
And the owls you can hear
And the silence you can hear...

Habitat

Bill Oliver

CHORUS:

C Am F G
Habitat, habitat, have to have a habitat
C Am F G
Habitat, habitat, have to have a habitat
C Am F G
Habitat, habitat, have to have a habitat
G C
Have to have a habitat to carry on

1) C Am F G
The ocean is a habitat, a very special habitat
 C Am F G
It's where the deepest water's at, it's where the biggest mammal's at
 C Am F G
It's where our future food is at, it keeps the atmosphere intact
 C Am F G
THE **OCEAN** IS A HABITAT THAT WE DEPEND ON

CHORUS

2) C Am F G
The forest is a habitat, a very special habitat
It's where the tallest trees are at, it's where a bear can scratch her back
It keeps the ground from rolling back, renews the oxygen in fact
THE **FOREST** IS A HABITAT THAT WE DEPEND ON

CHORUS

3) C Am F G
The river is a habitat, a very special habitat
It's where the freshest water's at, for people, fish and muskrats
But when the people dump the trash, the river takes the biggest rap
THE **RIVER** IS A HABITAT THAT WE DEPEND ON

CHORUS

4) C Am F G
People are different than foxes and rabbits
Affect the whole Earth with their bad habits
Better to love it while we still have it
OR **RAT-A-TAT-TAT** OUR HABITAT'S GONE

CHORUS

Hey Ho (Pizza Man)

Hey Ho Bo Didd-ly Bop
I gotta get back to my block
With this _____ In my hand
I'm gonna be a _____

(pizza) Pizza Man, (carrot)Vegetarian, (guitar) Musician, (pikachu) Pokemon, (bad guys) Jackie Chan, (basketball) Michael Jordan, (statue) thinker by Rodan, (sword) Barbarian, (fairy) Peter Pan, (vine) Tarzan, etc.

Humble

By Betsey Olsen

Am **G** **Am**
Humble yourself in the sight of the _____
 G
You've got to ask it what it knows, and
Am **G** **Am**
Humble yourself in the sight of the _____
 G
You've got to know what it knows, and
F **G** **Am** **G**
We, shall lift each other up, higher and higher and
F **G** **Am**
We, shall lift each other up.

(Fill in blank with words from nature, i.e. Earth, Mountains, Forest, Stars, Friends, etc.)

I am a Worm

- 1) I am a worm ^{Am}
The wondrous worm ^E
It's down under ^E
I love to squirm ^{Am}
To eat the dead ^{Am}
And the living's my toil..... ^F
And what comes out makes magnificent soil (OLE!) ^{AmE Am - E - Am}

CHORUS:

^C ^G
GUUU---SAAA NONONONONO, NONONONONO,
^F ^E
NONONONONONO SI!! (2X)
^C ^G ^{Am} ^D(hold, kids squirm)
I aerate the Earth as I tunnel and squirm
^{Am} ^E ^{Am - E - Am}
I am proud to be called a worm (OLE!)

- 2) Our tunnels flood
It rains all night
Come up for air
We're killed by light
When people die
Worms attend in full
- But no one comes to a worm's funeral (OLE!)

CHORUS

- 3) A robin's cute
Have you not heard
Of the massacres
Of the early bird
We do such good
From us you could learn.....
But you make us fish bait in return (OLE!)

CHORUS

I Wish You Well

Steve Kritzer

CHORUS:

I wish you well, may all your dreams come true
I wish you well, no clouds to hide your view
I wish you peace, and friends, and many tales to tell
But most of all, I wish you well

1) You're a gypsy in your soul with many miles to go
You have made your home out on the road
Playing music in the streets, touching everyone you meet
Leave 'em with a song before they go

CHORUS

2) We played all through the night
And watched the morning light
Never thinkin' much about the time
Life is in your hands
So do all that you can
Make each moment last a long long while

CHORUS

3) Watching as you play, your friends seem to say
Melody will always bring you through
Life is in your song, I hope it won't be long
'Til all the gifts you give return to you

CHORUS

Lump of Dirt

Michele Clemson

G
A Lump of Dirt
Em
A Lump of Dirt
C
A Lump of Dirt
D
A Lump of Dirt

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|----|--|--|
| 1) | G
Sitting on the cold, cold ground | Em
(crowd: "a lump of dirt") |
| | Em
I always get around | C
(a lump of dirt) |
| | C
I go home on your shoe | D
(a lump of dirt) |
| | D
I do much more than you do | G |

Ya-Ya Ya Ya Ya Ya
YaYa Ya Ya Ya
YaYa Ya Ya Ya
Ya - Ya - Ya - Ya

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| 2) | I make the flowers grow | (a lump of dirt) |
| | I'm where the ground squirrels go | (a lump of dirt) |
| | I'm a sponge for the rain | (a lump of dirt) |
| | And I never ever complain | |

Ya-Ya Ya Ya Ya Ya ...

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| 3) | I'm where all things decompose | (a lump of dirt) |
| | Both an insect and a rose | (a lump of dirt) |
| | To me, nothing is new | (a lump of dirt) |
| | And someday, you'll be dirt too! | |

Ya-Ya Ya Ya Ya Ya ...

- | | | |
|----|------------------------------------|------------------|
| 4) | (extra verse not on CD) | |
| | I keep the roots in the ground | (a lump of dirt) |
| | I keep the trees from falling down | (a lump of dirt) |
| | I make the mountains and hills | (a lump of dirt) |
| | And even the beaches you fill | |

Ya-Ya Ya Ya Ya Ya ...

On the Loose

CHORUS:

G
On the loose to climb a mountain
C **D**
On the loose where I am free
G **Em**
On the loose to live my life the way
C **D**
I think my life should be
C **D** **G** **Em**
For I only have a moment and the whole world yet to see
C **D** **G**
I'll be looking for tomorrow on the loose

- 1) Have you ever seen the sunset turn the sky completely red
Have you slept beneath the moon and stars with a pine bough for your head
Have you ever sat and talked with friends, though a word was never said
Then you're like me and you've been on the loose

CHORUS

- 2) There's a trail that I've been hiking just to see where it might go
Many places yet to visit, many people yet to know
So in following my dreams, I will live and I will grow
On the trail that's waiting out there on the loose

CHORUS

- 3) So in search of love and laughter, I'll be traveling through this land
Never sure of where I'm going for I haven't any plan
So in time when you are ready, come and join me, take my hand
And together we'll find life out on the loose.

CHORUS

Scat Song (version 1)

Chorus:

E G E G
It starts with an "S" and it ends with a "T"
E G E G
It comes out of you and it comes out me
E G E G
I know what you're thinking but don't call it that!
E G E G
Let's be scientific and call it SCAT!
E E E
It was a piece of Scat! – kids respond, "Piece of Scat!"

- 1) You find it on the ground
It's usually colored brown
It's shaped in a mound
It's a piece of scat! (kids, "Piece of Scat!")
- 2) Bird flying through the air
Look out, beware
It landed in my hair
It was a piece of scat! (kids, "Piece of Scat!")

CHORUS

- 3) They look like raisinettes
But please don't eat them yet
They're from a deer I bet
It was a piece of scat! (kids, "Piece of Scat!")
- 4) A squirrel ate a nut
Digested in his gut
It came out of his butt
It was a piece of scat! (kids, "Piece of Scat!")

CHORUS

- 5) I know it sounds gory
But it's a true story
It marks territory
It's a piece of scat! (kids, "Piece of Scat!")
- 6) They're full of FBI
You can't see them with your eye
Without them we would die
It's a piece of scat! (kids, "Piece of Scat!")

CHORUS

Alternate verses! (OR MAKE UP YOUR OWN!!)

You can smell it with your nose, It's gonna decompose,
It's where the fungus grows....

I was tired of TV, I was checking out the trees,
I could smell it in the breeze....

Scat Song (version 2)

Chorus:

E A D A
It starts with an “S” and it ends with a “T”
E A D A
It comes out of you and it comes out me
E A D A
I know what you’re thinking but don’t call it that!
E A D A
Let’s be scientific and call it SCAT!

- 1) If you’re walkin’ through the forest
 And your nose goes EW!
 Some animal laid a scat near you
 Don’t get grossed out or lose your lunch
 Cause if you pick it apart
 You could learn a bunch about
 SCAT!

- 2) It tells us what they eat
 It tells us who they are
 And that’s what we know about scat so far
 If you wanna learn about the animals around
 Take a good look at the scat on the ground!
 SCAT!

- 3) Some people think scat sure does stink
 But it’s not as gross as you might think!
 It tells us all that we’re alive
 And without scat we couldn’t survive!
 SCAT!

Shooting Star

- 1) **C** **G** **Am** **F**
Please won't you catch, a shooting star for me
C **G** **C**
And take it with you on your way
C **G**
Though it seems like we just met,
Am **F**
You're the one I won't forget
C **G** **C**
Hope some kind wind blows you back my way

CHORUS:

F **C**
And I was thinking maybe somewhere later down the road
F **C**
After all our stories have been told
C **G** **Am** **F**
I'll sit and think of you, a dear friend I once knew
C **G** **C**
Shot through my life like a shooting star

- 2) Sometimes I know, that a part of you will show
Deep in my eyes or in my smile
There will always be a part of you, deep inside my heart
And I'll know just when to let it go

CHORUS

- 3) You are so dear, you're my light and shining star
You brighten up my each and every day
You are so near, but soon you'll be so far
So why not just hold my hand today

CHORUS

Tan Oak

The verses are in "repeat after me" style

CHORUS:

C F
Tan Oak, Tan Oak (clap twice)
G F C F
Oooh, baby let your xylem flow (wooooo!)
G F
Yeah, Yeah, Yeah, Yeah, Yeah, Yeah
C F
Tan Oak, Tan Oak (clap twice)
G F C F
Oooh, baby let your xylem flow (HUA!)
G F
Yeah, Yeah, Yeah, Yeah...

- 1) The xylem's under the bark
Where it's cool and dark
It takes the wet from the ground
And it spreads it around

CHORUS

- 2) It's the oak that's tan
And it gives us a hand
It's where the natives go
To get the acorns that grow

CHORUS

- 3) The acorn's hat
Is bristly and fat
And the squirrels think it's neat
To get an acorn treat

CHORUS

- 4) It's an evergreen
And it's the best that I've seen
So put your hands in the air
And show that you care

CHORUS

Web of Life
Randy and Julie Wildera

- 1) **G** **C** **D** **C**
The Purpose of the bee is to pollinate the flower
 G **C** **D** **C**
The purpose of the flower is to feed the bee
 G **C** **D** **C**
Together they both live in harmony
 G **C**
In the web of life (kids: "LIFE!") life ("LIFE!")
A **D**
Lalalalala life!

CHORUS:

D **C** **D**
Mountain lion is a carnivore
 D **C** **D**
Eats the deer and that's a herbivore
 D **C** **D**
They eat plants and I can tell you more
 D **C** **D**
About the web of life! HUA!

- 2) The purpose of the algae is to photosynthesize
 The purpose of the fungus is to make a home
 Together they make lichen and they're not alone
 In the web of life! (LIFE) life (LIFE)
 Lalalalala Life!

CHORUS

- 3) The purpose of our song is to heal the planet
 The purpose of our planet is a place to live
 The purpose of a human is to learn to give
 To the web of life! (LIFE) life (LIFE)
 Lalalalala Life!

CHORUS

Wildlife Needs Wild Lands

CHORUS:

G **C** **G**
Wildlife needs wild lands, and wild
 C **G**
lands need wildlife, and wild things need
C **D** **G**
wild places to live

- 1) **G** **C or G**
You wouldn't put a grizzly bear
G **C or G**
In a rocking chair
G **C or G**
You wouldn't take him to the mall
G **Em**
'Cause he wouldn't like it there

CHORUS

- 2) You wouldn't take a big cow moose
To the grocery store
You wouldn't take her to the movies
'Cause she would just be bored

CHORUS

- 3) You wouldn't put a duck or a goose
In a goldfish bowl
They need room to flap their wings
And go where they may go

CHORUS

- 4) You wouldn't take a mountain lion
To a baseball game
He'd rather be left to roam
In his wilderness domain

CHORUS

- 5) You wouldn't take a porcupine
To the bowling alley
She'd rather be munching trees
Down in the valley

CHORUS

- 6) The elk and moose and the caribou
They don't need no highway
They'd rather have the peace and the quiet
I think I'll call that my way

Wild Thing

(To the tune of, you guessed it, "Wild Thing")

CHORUS

A D E

Wild Thing...

 D A D E

You make the forest sing...

 D A D E D

You make everything....groovy...

A D E.... A (let ring)

Wild Thing...

Each person singing takes a verse for an herbivore, carnivore, omnivore, scavenger, decomposer (or whatever other creative things you can come up with)

Verse example:

Open – A - Open

Hey there you little Banana Slug you...

Open – A - Open

I think I Loooooove you...

Open – A - Open

But I wanna know for sure...

The way you go slimin' around looking for dead stuff to eat and

Open – A - Open

poop out into soil....

That must make you a.....(kids should say, "decomposer!")

All Together: "2 – 3 – 4!"

CHORUS

Verses should hopefully be sung in order of food chain/energy flow.