

VIDEO

AUDIO

One Child, One Voice

Earth Day/World Environment Day Special

(Music)

00:12 *yellow carnival ride*

NARRATOR VO

This program is about the world we create for our children. Will our new century be a bright triumph of hope or a runaway roller coaster to nowhere? We can go anywhere we want—to a peaceful green world or one of fear and need.

00:31 *beige roof tilt down*

Wherever we go, one thing is sure, we'll be going there together. Can we make the earth secure for everyone while the moment is still ours to seize, and the time is not yet too late?

00:48 *African boy Kenneth*

ALICE VO

AMERICAN GIRL

Let us grow up in a healthy world.

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(SFX of gunfire; war)

00:59

ALICE –ON CAMERA

My great-grandpa fought in the First World War. He died in a battle for a muddy field.

There are wild flowers growing there now.

They called it the war to end all wars.

01:18 *bombers*

ALICE VO

It seems that people are always killing to save the world.

...they don't seem to notice the other war...

...the one that goes on every single day.

01:28 *smoke stacks*

It's a war against the air...

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01:33 *water outflows*

01:37 *big tree falling*

01:41 *bird*

01:43 *people*

01:53 *roller coaster*

02:10

02:16 *people walking*

02:29 *roller coaster*

AUDIO

...the water...

...the trees...

...the animals...

...and even the people.

ALICE – ON CAMERA

Sometimes I feel our whole world is like a roller coaster that's out of control.

(SFX–Alice screams)

NARRATOR VO

It's not hard to see why a child might worry about the world she'll inherit. But now we could take a giant leap toward the world we dreamed of. The time has come to do what is right.

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CARNIVAL BARKER – ON CAMERA

Welcome to the Consumer Carnival!

CARNIVAL BARKER -VO

The Carnival of Consumption. Where the world is your oyster, and it's always all you can eat.

CARNIVAL BARKER – ON CAMERA

Where more is never enough and tomorrow never comes.

NARRATOR VO

Some people would have you believe that the Earth's resources are unlimited. They claim that no matter how much we use, there will always be more to satisfy our every need and want.

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02:42 *people in roller coaster*

02:53 *trash barge*

02:58 *Alice with parents*

03:15 *Alice in bumper car*

03:22 *NYC Times Square*

03:51 *Bumper cars*

AUDIO

Yet, for every product that's manufactured, consumed, and disposed of, there's a cost to the planet. And the cost gets higher all the time.

There are no free rides.

ALICE VO

My parents always tell me not to worry so much. They say the grown-ups will take care of everything. But I'm not so sure.

No one seems to pay attention to where everything comes from, or where it's going to.

They say don't worry. But I do worry. How can I not?

ALICE

Millions of cars, billions of gallons of gas, pouring tons of junk into the sky.

NARRATOR VO

Our industrial societies are powered by machines, and machines are powered by the burning of fossil fuels like oil and coal that spew out carbon dioxide. The gas spreads into the atmosphere, trapping more and more of the sun's heat. Global warming.

Together, the nations of the world emit over six billion tons of carbon annually. And these emissions continue to grow.

ALICE VO

I've read that the Earth will get hotter and hotter because of all the gas and smoke from the cars and factories.

And it's getting worse.

Nobody seems to know what the future will bring, and that's the most scary thing of all.

VIDEO

04:06 *Fortune Teller's tent*

04:39 *mirror and balloons*

04:46 *man and mirror*

05:08

05:17 *tree falling*

05:25

AUDIO

FORTUNE TELLER VO

One thing is clear. The rich countries in the North,

FORTUNE TELLER

use far more of the Earth's resources than the poorer countries in the South.

FORTUNE TELLER VO

The sad truth is that while some are gorging themselves at a feast that never ends, others go hungry.

The world is divided between the very rich and the very poor— and yet everyone, rich and poor alike, breathe the same air.

When you look at yourself in the mirror, do you see yourself as others do?

NARRATOR VO

Consumer appetites are voraciously swallowing up the planet that all of us must share.

A mere 20 percent of the world's population consumes 86 percent of the world's resources.

In a world of plenty, does it make sense that one out of every six people doesn't have enough to eat?

CARNIVAL BARKER

Pay no attention to that paltry illusion! The Earth's good bounty is inexhaustible!

CARNIVAL BARKER VO

There's no problem a little technology can't fix.

CARNIVAL BARKER –ON CAMERA

You deserve to have more.

Why quit when you're ahead?

VIDEO

05:28 supermarket

AUDIO

ALICE

We're always being told that the more we have, the happier we'll be. But I wonder if that's really true?

Kids Hold Up Leaves

Fade to Leaf/Title Graphic

PAYAL –ON CAMERA

BANGLADESHI GIRL

My home is in Bangladesh, I think it's the most beautiful country in the world. It's just about the level of the sea.

In recent years there have been huge typhoons.

05:53 destroyed village

PAYAL VO

My mother says they're the worst storms she's ever seen.

PAYAL –ON CAMERA

I worry when people say that more typhoons are going to happen in the future.

That my country's going to be underwater because the whole world is warming up. My teacher says this warming is caused by cars and factories. We don't have many of those, so I don't really understand.

Is it fair for us to lose the place we live because of what other countries are doing to the air?

FORTUNE TELLER

I see the temperatures rising as the centuries turn.

Two degrees...five degrees? Six? Or more...I cannot tell exactly, I cannot predict. But there are big changes to come, already set in motion.

PAYAL

We had better decide to do something together soon, because it could happen all over the world.

07:06 postcards

NARRATOR VO

Some scientists believe that huge storms and flooding like those that hit Bangladesh, may only be

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07:24 *Japanese father on merry-go-round*

07:33 *stock market*

08:14 *pan rainforest destruction*

AUDIO

a preview of what's in store for coastal cities like Venice, New York, Miami, Bangkok, and Shanghai as climate change takes effect.

BRADY VO
JAPANESE BOY

My father is a businessman for a big corporation.

BRADY – ON CAMERA

It must feel so powerful to be able to buy and sell the world with just a phone call.

Do they know that what's good for business can be bad for the Earth?

Somewhere in the world a man yells, 'sell'... and a tree that has lived a thousand years falls to the ground.

We can turn a tree into money, but we cannot turn money back into a rainforest.

A chopstick is cheap, but what does it really cost?

(SFX – sounds of rainforest and trees falling)

FORTUNE TELLER VO

I hear the roaring of the chainsaws in the rainforests of Sarawak...

FORTUNE TELLER

...turning ancient trees into billions of throwaway chopsticks.

NARRATOR VO

On average, every second of every day an entire football field of tropical rainforest is wiped away forever...

At current rates of destruction, in less than 50 years, almost every rainforest on earth could be obliterated.

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AUDIO

BRADY

My uncle is a Zen priest, he tells me that the Earth is owned by no one. That real wealth comes from the health of the Earth and all living things.

But the plants and the animals, the sea and the air can not speak to us...we have to give a voice to the voiceless.

NARRATOR VO

Can a bird lobby for cleaner air to fly in?

09:26 eagle

How does a redwood tree get an injunction to stop a chainsaw?

09:27 forest

Where do the whales go to vote against ocean pollution?

09:44 whale

What ballot initiative can an otter sign to prevent oil spills?

09:51 otter

Or the deer, before his wetlands are drained?

09:58 deer

To whom does the eagle protest the pesticides that destroy her eggs?

10:14 eagle

Speaking on behalf of the Voiceless.

10:31 rhino

Preserving the planet's wealth of life.

10:37 elephant

Ensuring our bio-diversity is a major issue .

NARRATION GIRL VO

You can 'vote for the earth' and all living things by supporting leaders who care for the planet.

10:52 Leaf Address

Join us. Make your voice heard. Become part of the Tree of Life—our promise to protect the earth.

Draw a Leaf on a postcard and mail it to the address on your screen.

Go online at earthsecure.org to learn more about what you can do to help.

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VIDEO

11:20 *Kenneth's mother*

11:52 *African village*

12:21 *Kenneth's mother
carrying water*

Desert Montage

AUDIO

KENNETH VO
AFRICAN BOY

At night, I hear my mother crying. She's crying because she can't feed all my brothers and sisters.

I don't really care about myself, because I don't need much to eat. But when it's so hard to get the wood for our fire, the water for one more drink, and the grain for one more meal, how can I think about saving the Earth?

NARRATOR VO

When the West African rainforests were cut for timber, no one realized that their destruction could affect the continent's climate.

The droughts of recent years may now have become the norm.

People already have to walk miles to fetch water for their families to drink...

or search for days to find firewood.

And the forests continue to shrink.

KENNETH

My grandfather was the storyteller in our tribe. He says he remembers when our country was all green.

Sometimes I can't believe him, I think his brains have gone mushy. But he tells me there were animals here, fresh water, and trees. People laughed, danced and had feasts. They were happy.

But now all that has changed. There are so many people and the land has become so dry.

KENNETH

My grandfather says his stories are true, but they don't want to be told anymore, because now they're only sad.

VIDEO

13:49 field

14:44 population montage

AUDIO

KENNETH

But I still love to hear them, so I beg him until he tells me just one more.

KENNETH VO

I know the Earth grows enough food for everyone.

KENNETH

So why are there people who still don't get enough to eat? Many go to bed hungry, and many starve.

The children who are starving are so quiet. I wonder what they are thinking?

When the trees are cut down, the deserts grow. Once, even the Great Sahara was covered by forest. The trees hold the soil and the water. They shade the land. Without them, the Earth becomes cracked and dry.

FORTUNE TELLER

In the century to come, over one half of your fertile soil could vanish, and at the same time,

FORTUNE TELLER VO

billions more people will be born. I see a doubling, almost as if a new Earth had come into being.

But there is only one world. You will have half the farmland and twice the people to feed.

(Music begins – “Dear God”)

KENNETH –ON CAMERA

Once our good soil is gone, It's gone forever. This soil is all that will stand between my children and starvation.

ALICE

We want the same green world our parents had when they were children.

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AUDIO

Fade to Leaf Graphic

15:55

NARRATION BOY VO

If you believe in a healthy planet for **us** and for **our** children's children...

"VOTE for the Earth". Let our leaders know that you DO care.

Become part of the Tree of Life. Draw a leaf on a postcard and mail it to the address on your screen. Your cards will be used to create Trees of Life that are springing up like forests everywhere as symbols of our commitment to the Earth.

Visit earthsecure.org to learn more.

Leaf Graphic/Title

DANIELLE – ON CAMERA

BRAZILIAN GIRL

In the old days, coal miners took canaries down into the mines to warn them of poisonous gases.

When there was too much poison in the air, their canaries died, and the miners knew they could die too, and didn't go any further.

The plants and animals and people in the rainforests...are like those canaries. If they die, we might too.

DANIELLE

Extinction is forever.

17:01 ram

NARRATOR VO

The death of an entire species is irreversible. And when it's caused by our policies toward the Earth, shameful.

17:12 gazelle

How will we possibly explain to our grandchildren why a particular animal exists only in photographs or museums?

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17:21 *iguana*

17:31 *wolf*

18:29 *Kenneth holding leaf
Postcard*

18:46 *trees*

18:46 *bulldozer*

19:02 *kids drawing leaf
postcards*

AUDIO

We think we know the reason dinosaurs became extinct.

But we will know exactly why African elephants, cheetahs, mountain zebras, snow leopards, Peregrine falcons...and many others disappear from the Earth forever.

ALICE

If we speak with one voice, if we follow our hearts, we will find a way. Each of us can do something, no matter how big or small, about the health of the planet.

NARRATOR VO

Get your pencil so you can join the Tree of Life Campaign and vote for the Earth.

Leaf Graphic/Title

NARRATION GIRL VO

We cannot—we must not—leave it to chance that our leaders will act to stop the destruction.

So make your voice heard:

Join us along with others from around the world.
Become part of the Tree of Life campaign.

Draw a leaf on a postcard and mail it to the address on your screen.

Each leaf postcard represents a voice for the planet.

In 1992, a million leaf postcards from around the world were used to build the first Tree of Life at the U.N. Earth Summit in Rio. In 2002, we started another Tree of Life in Johannesburg

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19:28

AUDIO

NARRATOR VO

Now, this Tree is spreading its branches all over the world. They stand as powerful visible symbols of our vow to protect the Earth. .

Vote for the Earth by showing our leaders that you do care about the health of the planet. Make it impossible for them to ignore our combined voices.

Insist they act NOW to reverse environmental damage, and stop it in the future.

Tell them, your future support of them depends on it.

Do it now—right now.

19:56

The Tree of Life is our way to show they must keep their promises to make our air clean, our water pure, and our future safe.

**(Music begins – “Conviction of the Heart”)
Conviction of the Heart**

Where are the dreams that we once had?
This is the time to bring them back.
What were the promises
caught on the tips of our tongues?
Do we forget or forgive?
There's a whole other life
waiting to be lived when...
one day we're brave enough
To talk with Conviction of the Heart.

And down your streets I've walked alone,
As if my feet were not my own
Such is the path I chose,
doors I have opened and closed
I'm tired of living this life,
Fooling myself,
believing we're right,
I've never given love
with any Conviction of the Heart

One with the earth,
with the sky

VIDEO

AUDIO

One with everything in life
I believe we'll survive
If we only try...
How long must we all wait to change
This world bound in chains
that we live in?
To know what it is to forgive,
And be forgiven?

Too many years of taking now.
Isn't it time to stop somehow?
Air that's too angry to breathe,
water our children can't drink
You've heard it hundreds of times
You'll say your aware,
believe, that you care, but...
Do you care enough
Where's your Conviction of the Heart?

One with the earth
With the sky
One with everything in life.
I believe it will start with Conviction of the heart.

One earth
One sky
Only one world
Only one chance for one life
When will we live with convictions of the heart?
Only one earth