

Earth Promises

Early festivals have tried incorporating an Earth Promise of some sort as part of the festival. Different words have been used in different places and these are evolving. If you do one let us know. These can be done to music.

Version One

The Earth Promise

We recognise

That we are creatures of this Earth
Which we share with all other living things
The earth is our home
We have no other.

We acknowledge

That we have ravaged the earth
Destroyed the soils
Rendered creatures extinct
And polluted the atmosphere

In response

Today, we recognise the power of the Earth
Giving it honour and value
far beyond our worldly cares
Committing ourselves
to a new way
Of being on the earth

We join together

Under the sky
Feet planted on earth
Breathing the air
And surrounded by life

We join hands to embrace the Earth
And all that lives upon it
The birds of the air
The fish of the sea
Plants and creatures
From the least to the greatest

(music)

We declare Our love

For all that lives upon the Earth

Our respect

For the great systems of the Earth
That support all life

We promise

To attend to our own lives
And to join with humankind
Around the world
Of every race and nation,
People and culture
To seek wisdom
That we might live in harmony
with the earth and all that lives

Version Two

We understand that the Earth, Gaia, is our home, we have no other. We share her with all other living things and depend completely upon her. We understand that our human actions are changing Gaia and that if pushed too far, she will shift from being a good place to live, to being a place where humans and the millions of other species, cannot live. Therefore today we recognize the power of Gaia, giving her honour and value, and committing ourselves to a new way of being on our Earth. We join together under the sky, feet planted on Earth, breathing the air and surrounded by life, as we join hands to embrace Gaia and all that live upon her: The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, mountains, rivers, soil, plants and creatures from the least to the greatest. We declare our love for all that lives upon her and pledge allegiance to the Earth, One planet, to be loved and protected by all.

Version Three – a song

My Planet My Home

(To the tune of Little Town of Bethlehem)

I have no other home but you,
I've known you all my life,
You fed my body as I grew

And I romped in your delights...
Your shimmering waters, quiet woods,
Your air so pure and clean,
Your fields of nesting skittering broods,
Your grasses lush and green.

Yet something's broken, gone awry
Between my home and me.
Pure and shimmering, lush and green
Are no more seen to be.
I took for granted, I was wrong,
I thought I had a right
To take your bounteous gifts so long
Without an end in sight.

We're all connected, you and I
Through intimate links that bind.
If you are broken, then I die
No breath... no life... no home.