

## Lyrics for Songs of Our World

### **Every Child**

*Words and Music by Raffi and Michael Creber*

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*From the album Raffi Radio*

Every child, every child, is a child of the universe  
Here to sing, here to sing, a song of beauty and grace  
Here to love, here to love, like a flower out in bloom  
Every girl and boy a blessing and a joy

Every child, every child, of man and woman-born  
Fed with love, fed with love, in the milk that mother's own  
A healthy child, healthy child, as the dance of life unfolds  
Every child in the family, safe and warm

bridge:

Dreams of children free to fly  
Free of hunger, and war  
Clean flowing water and air to share  
With dolphins and elephants and whales around

Every child, every child, dreams of peace in this world  
Wants a home, wants a home, and a gentle hand to hold  
To provide, to provide, room to grow and to belong  
In the loving village of human kindness

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### **Blue White Planet**

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From the album Country Goes Raffi*

Chorus:

Blue white planet spinnin' in space  
Our home sweet home  
Blue white planet spinnin' in space  
Our home sweet home

Home for the children you and me  
Home for the little ones yet to be  
Home for the creatures great and small  
Blue white planet  
Blue white planet

(chorus)

Home for the skies and the seven seas  
Home for the towns and the farmers' fields  
Home for the trees and the air we breathe  
Blue white planet  
Blue white planet

If we keep her in our care, if we all give  
back our share  
There'll be music everywhere on our blue  
white planet  
And if a rocketship one day takes us very  
far away  
We'll look back and smile and say, "that's  
our planet!"

(chorus)

Home for the children you and me  
Home for the little ones yet to be

Blue white planet spinnin' in space  
Home sweet home  
Blue white planet spinnin' in space  
Home sweet home

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### **May There Always Be Sunshine**

*Words: original Russian, Lev Oshanin; English,*

*Thomas Botting; Music: Arkadi Ostrovsky*

*Translation by Raffi*

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*From the album Let's Play*

May there always be sunshine,  
May there always be blue sky,  
May there always be mama,  
May there always be me

### **This Little Light Of Mine**

*Traditional; adapted by Raffi*

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*From the album Rise And Shine*

Chorus:

This little light of mine  
I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine  
I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine  
Let it shine

I'm gonna take this light around the world  
And I'm gonna let it shine (3X)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Chorus

I won't let anyone (blow) it out  
I'm gonna let it shine (3X)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Chorus

(end with: every day, every day  
I'm gonna let my little light shine)

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### **De Colores**

*Traditional*

*From the album One Light One Sun*

De colores,  
De colores se visten los campos  
En la primavera  
De colores,  
De colores son los pajaritos  
Que vienen de afuera  
De colores,  
De colores es el arco iris  
Que vemos lucir

Y por eso los grandes amores  
De muchos colores me gustan a mi

Canta el gallo, vanta el gallo con el quiri, quiri  
Quiri, quiri, quiri  
La gallina,  
La gallina con el cara, cara  
Cara, cara, cara  
Les polluelos.  
Los polluelos con el, pio, pio  
Pio, pio, pio

### **Fais Dodo**

*French Traditional*

*From the album One Light, One Sun*

Fais dodo, Colin, mon p'tit frere  
Fais dodo, t'auras du lolo  
Maman est en haut, qui fait du gateau  
Papa est en bas, qui fait du chocolat

Go to sleep, Colin, my little brother  
Go to sleep, tomorrow you'll have milk  
Mama is upstairs making a cake  
Papa is downstairs making chocolate

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### **Haru Ga Kita**

*Japanese Traditional*

*From the album Everything Grows*

Haru ga kita, haru ga kita  
Doko ni kita  
Yama ni kita, sato ni kita  
No ni mo kita

Tori ga naku, tori ga naku  
Doko de naku  
Yama de naku, sato de naku  
No de mo naku

Hana ga saku, hanu ga saku  
Doko ni saku  
Yama ni saku, sato ni saku  
No ni mo saku

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### **Roots and Shoots Everywhere**

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From the album Let's Play*

Roots and shoots,  
roots and shoots  
We are the roots and shoots  
of a living world  
Roots and shoots, everywhere  
The hopes and dreams  
of a living world

We dig the earth and  
we reach for the sky  
We root so low and  
we shoot so high  
We love the birds  
and we love the trees  
We love the whales  
and the chimpanzees

We are the seeds  
and we are the buds  
Grow through the concrete  
grow through the walls  
The power of life, the power of love  
From the earth below  
to the heavens above

Dig dig dig, reach for the sky  
We love the earth  
and we'll tell you why

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### **Tsetang Gangla**

*Tibetan children's song; traditional, adapted by Raffi*

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*From the album Let's Play*

Tsetang gangla,  
mepa chik kyang marey  
(on the playground,  
we have all we need)  
Tsetang gangla,  
mepa chik kyang marey  
Tsetang gangla, polo tsegyu yorey  
Tsetang gangla, polo tsegyu yorey  
(...we can play ball)

Tsetang gangla,  
mepa chik kyang marey (X2)  
Tsetang gangla lingbu tongyu  
yorey  
Tsetang gangla lingbu tongyu  
yorey  
(...we can play flute)

Tsetang gangla,  
mepa chik kyang marey (X2)  
Tsetang gangla,  
gyukshar loegyu yorey  
Tsetang gangla,  
gyukshar loegyu yorey  
(...we can run)

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### **All I Really Need**

*Music by Raffi, words by Raffi, D. Pike, B. & B. Simpson*

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*From the album Baby Beluga*

Refrain:

All I really need is a song in my heart  
food in my belly  
and love in my family  
All I really need is a song in my heart  
and love in my family

And I need the rain to fall  
And I need the sun to shine  
To give life to the seeds we sow  
To give the food we need to grow  
All I really need is a song in my heart  
and love in my family

(refrain)

And I need some clean water for drinkin'  
And I need some clean air for breathin'  
So that I can grow up strong and  
Take my place where I belong  
All I really need is a song in my heart  
And love in my family

(refrain)

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### **One Light One Sun**

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*From the album Evergreen Everblue*

One light, one sun  
One sun lighting everyone.  
One world turning  
One world turning everyone.

One world, one home  
One world home for everyone.  
One dream, one song  
One song heard by everyone.

One love, one heart  
One heart warming everyone.  
One hope, one joy  
One love filling everyone.

One light, one sun  
One sun, lighting everyone.  
One light warming everyone.

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### **Thanks a Lot**

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From the album Baby Beluga*

Thanks a lot  
Thanks for the sun in the sky  
Thanks a lot  
Thanks for the clouds so high

Thanks a lot  
Thanks for the whispering wind  
Thanks a lot  
Thanks for the birds in spring

Thanks a lot  
Thanks for the moonlit night  
Thanks a lot  
Thanks for the stars so bright

Thanks a lot  
Thanks for the wonder in me  
Thanks a lot  
Thanks for the way I feel

Thanks for the animals, thanks for the land  
Thanks for the people everywhere  
Thanks a lot  
Thanks for all I've got  
Thanks for all I've got

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### **The World We Love**

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*From the album Bananaphone*

Chorus:

Here's to the world we love  
Blue skies and ponies and children at play  
Earth below, stars above  
God bless it every day.

Mist-covered mountains that welcome the sun  
Buds on the branches, mornings begun  
Dew drops and the birdies just starting to sing  
Praise for the brand new day.

chorus

Praise to the farmer workin' the fields  
Seedling to harvest, food for our meals  
Mama's and papas, and hearts filled with love  
For each and every day.

chorus

Here's to the rivers that run wild and free  
The pull of the tides, the rush of the sea  
Gold crimson sunsets to colour our dreams  
In each and every day.

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### First Peoples

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*From the album Bananaphone*

"For thousands of years the world has known  
Countless peoples living in many different ways,  
With their own language, art, and songs,  
Respecting the bounty of nature"

Huron Cree Ojibway Yanomami  
Kaiapo Penan Nisga's Lakota

First peoples of this world  
First of all our voices heard  
Mother father ancient kin  
Spirit names of countless tribes

Chorus:

Carve and paint, chant and drum  
Gift and glory of an olden time  
Weave and spin tales of a new day come  
Hand in hand, walking free  
Children of the land and sea  
Dreams and visions dancing in the wind

Iroquois Carib Navaho Inuit Saami  
Miskito Dene Kelabit Haida

"And today, First Peoples enrich the Earth family,  
Share the wisdom of ages for future generations,  
And remind us to protect our sources of  
Beauty, health, and wonder"

Father Sky, Mother Earth, all of our relations' birth  
Eagle bear turtle whale, moving in creation's tale  
First Peoples of this world, the test of time endured  
Brothers, Sisters in the sun, circle life in a spiral run

chorus

Gitk'san Ainu Fulani Arawak Arapaho  
Maya Maori Huichol Oromo  
Shoshone Hopi Innu Embera Quechua  
Lubicon Salish Dandami Munda Gurindji Kalinga