## **Earth Song - Nick Drake**

Italics: words by Greta Thunberg

1. 2. Breathe in -Breathe in first light unfolding the spirit of water what do you hear? unseen beneath your blackbird thrush robin wren skin a spring a burn a beck a race a tree of birds on a spring morning brimming flowing running falling to a pool a lake a loch a mere singing -Breathe out mirroring the sky the dawn chorus and all so still traffic radios sirens messages Breathe out this is the news interference static white top stories noise hullaballoo on the hour hush I can't hear you! Can you hear me? I don't want your hope I'm losing you I'm going into a tunnel

hush

I don't want you to be hopeful

3.

Breathe in -

the lost paths through the green woods in your head the different disposition of light and shade

copse grove woodland wildwood birch forest cloud forest rain forest thorn forest every single leaf

a rune a spirit a charm a spell as far as the ear can hear conjuring a thousand thousand tiny clocks of rain

Listen –

Breathe out

through the twin trees of the lungs the dust and music of our brief cities

ash and smoke of traffic jams combustion bonfire wildfire blaze reversing warnings revving at red lights – hush

I want you to panic

4. 5. Breathe in -Breathe in the slow perpetual cantus of the ocean a track of footprints rising and falling the pulse in your wrists answering the aria of the moon a sidewinder snake orange blue gold black until once in a while two waves concur as we turn over in sleep together crossing the ebb and flow of dunes of shadow the radius of a thousand miles of silence and the sea ceases in a lull Listen -What is the wind telling you? Breathe out Listen data streams schedules warnings alarms A speck of sand in the desert of time anxiety heartache panic blues the hurly burly of trains clamouring past Breathe out leaving a wake of shock mines shipping lanes smoke stacks oil refineries crude coffee silver gold and the sky's long melancholy spells of vapour trails copper mercury lithium palladium lingering -What will you give me? What will you give hush me? I want you to feel the fear I going once going twice going going feel every day by the wink of an eye hush I want you to act as you would in a crisis 6. Breathe in close your eyes take the hand of the wind cross the sun- and moon-hammered oceans to the ends of the earth north south east west balanced by the dazzling compass of the sun where light meets itself reflected refracted mirrored magnified and time gazes deep into the silence of ice Listen melting melting dissolving thawing going going going hush I want you to act as if our house is on fire Because it is. Breath in Listen Breathe out Listen Breath in Listen

[silence]

Listen

Breathe out