



*Pyio – pyio is the sound of the Snow bunting (Snøspurv) the northernmost songbird
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Sounds from the Arctic

Lyrics: Gro Dahle

Music: Henrik Ødegaard

Childrens choir and Mixed choir SAB

Flute/Alto saxophone/Baryton saxophone – Piano – Bass – Percussion

The composition contains eight songs about nature and animals telling us about life and climate change in the Arctic – and the youth calling for us to get in the boat together to solve the problems.

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1 Pyio – pyio

Listen?

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Listen

Do you hear it?

Can you hear the Arctic?

The crisp sound of the air?

The soft song of the sea?

The whisper of the waves far away?

The whisper, the wow?

The wind and the birds?

The whisper, the wow?

of the wind and the birds

Pyio – Pyio

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Do you hear the sighing?

Do you hear the moaning of the ice?

The voice of the rift?

The sound of the crack?

The glacier giving birth

to calves of ice,

the thunder and the roar

the booming, and the bang

of the fall?

Do you hear

the ice melting,

the water rising,

waves towards a distant shore?

Do you hear the Arctic calling?

The sound of the ocean,
the pitch of the wind?

The whisper, the wow?

The wind and the birds?

The whisper, the wow?

The wind and the birds?

Pyju Pyju

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Pi pi piruripiruri

Pi pi piruripiruri

Perr err err err rit

perr err err err rit

The little auk laughing

Do you hear the little auk laughing?

Rrrri rrrri hi hi hi hi ha ha ha ha hi hi hi hi

Rrrri rrrri hi hi hi hi ha ha ha ha hi hi hi hi

Do you hear the winter night sky?

The hum of the northern hemisphere?

The big dipper sizzling?

Do you hear the blink blinkety blink

the blink blinkety blink

the blinkety blinkety

blink blink blink

the blinkety blinkety blink?

The Polar Star singing?

The pulse of the Stella Polaris ?

2 Febrile seizure

37, 38, 39, 40

41, 41, 41 and a half.

It's rising , it's rising
the fever is peaking,
the earth is on fire,
our world has a fever

A virus

A poisoning,

A bacterial infection,

it's pollution,

it's a sickness,

it's the greenhouse gases,

it's a medical emergency,

it's the climate that is changing.

37, 38, 39, 40

41, 41, 41, 42

The arctic is melting,

temperature rising.

Less ice reflecting,

The thermostat broken.

The alarm bells are ringing.

The Arctic is moaning,

37, 38, 39, 40

41, 42, 42 and a half!

One degree more

and one degree more

shivering, sweating,

shivering sweating.

the Arctic is melting.

Our planet is sick!

The fever is rising!

37, 38, 39, 40

41, 42 and a half, 43!

3 The whale song

OoooOooOoooo

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k k kkkkk kkkk kkkk k k k k

k k kkkkk kkkk kkkk k k k k

It's not always easy

to be a whale
when the currents are turning.
the ice shelves are melting.
the weather is changing.
the edge pulling back.
OoooOoooo
OoooOoooo
k k kkkkk kkkk kkkk k k k k
k k kkkkk kkkk kkkk k k k k
when the food chains are breaking,
the algae dispersing,
the temperature rising,
the plankton not blooming.
so few krill, so little food.

OoooOoooo
OoooOoooo
k k kkkkk kkkk kkkk k k k k
k k kkkkk kkkk kkkk k k k k

The sea is changing,
growing warmer, darker.
Dive deeper down?
Swim further away?
What should I do?
says the whale,
not very impressed

with the actions of men,

OoooOOOOoooo

OoooOOOOoooo

k k kkkkk kkkk kkkk k k k k

k k kkkkk kkkk kkkk k k k k

4 Toxic Waste

People_driving cars,

people filling gasolin

people heating homes

people buying batteries

people making food

people flying airplanes

polluting the air

polluting the sea

the earth, the soil,

the lakes, the rivers,

oozing, infecting, comtaminating

fouling, tainting, poisoning

Can't eat seal in the Arctic

Can't eat fish anymore

because it's poisonous

We're polluting

polluting the Arctic

polluting the Arctic

polluting the Arctic

with toxic waste

People consuming food

people consuming oil

people consuming all kinds of things

and fuel, gas and coal ,

emitting greenhouse gases

emitting green house gases

and drilling after more

dirty dangerous off shore drilling

drilling drilling and oil spilling

chemical sludge and debris

chemical sludge and debris

oil spilling

polluting

the Arctic

the Arctic

polluting the Arctic

Red and green and yellow and black

Blue and white and red and brown

Colorful arctic,

painted with plastics,

pretty painted arctic,
colored with plastic.s
plastic products everywhere
plastic bags everywhere,
whales choke to death ,
sea birds filled with plastic waste,
plastic garbage all around
everywhere
everywhere
everywhere and all around

releasing toxic waste

Surface runoff

urban runoff

agricultural

run off run off

running off sewage

Toxic waste

toxic waste

toxic waste

5 The freezer

There's a problem with the freezer

I don't think it's working?

It's no longer freezing.

I don't know how to fix it.

Is the motor switched on?

Do you think it's really running?

Is the power plugged in?

Or do you think it's broken?

Why is it so warm?

Is the ice really melting?

I think we need some help here.

I really think we need some help her.

Is there someone out there helping?

I think we all are melting!

Sum sum sum sum

drip drip drip drip

sum sum sum sum

drip drip drip drip

6 The Pling Plong Plankton party

Welcome to the plankton party
bacteria, alga and krill
Welcome to the grand buffet
you can eat whatever you will

Come find a place by the ice edge,
you are here as a guest!
Try a taste of the algae,
but the phytoplankton is best!

This is the polar kitchen
no need for fork spoon or knife
just gobble in on the food chain,
this is the kitchen of life!

Everything starts with the plankton,
in the cracked multiyear old ice
in pockets and pools,
in cavities and cracks
in holes and hollows
in corners and crevice
tasty with bacteria,
deliciously full of algae,
in the thick old perennial ice!

The seal is wearing her seaweeds,
the killer whale's tuxedo is tight,
he's accompanied by the walrus,
and Miss Beluga is all dressed in white.
The snow geese are dancing in formation,

the Puffins are quite a sight
The little auks are always laughing
and the polar bear is king of the night
Lets join the happy plankton party
lets sing the happy plankton song
A pling plong party plankton
algae algea algea oh

The cafeteria is open
the sushi conveyor belt is on
it's the perennial sea food party
all inclusive,
all week long

7 The Arctic indicator

What happens?

What happens?

*What happens with the Arctic
when the Arctic, in the Arctic,
on the Arctic, at the Arctic,
what happens to the Arctic.
happens to the world.*

*Does the future have a future
or is the future cancelled,
due to the lack of motivation,
but if the future's cancelled,
what will the future be.*

What happens?

What happens?

what happens to the future?

What will happen to us then?

8 You and I and the boat

One step at a time,
just one step at a time
pulling the future
hauling the hope,
you on one side,
me on the other
holding the future between us,
tugging the rope.

*We cannot give up,
not now, not ever,
we must not let go
just one step and one more.*

Then suddenly
behind us, between us,
everywhere and all around
among us, around us,
in every direction,
pulling, pushing,
carrying the future between us,
one step at a time,
just one step at a time,
just one step and one more,
we are doing it,
the big boat on its way,
launching it together,

getting it out on the water.

You and me and everyone we know.

We cannot give up,

not now, not ever,

we must not let go

just one step and one more.