Tree Song

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For two thousand years we've stood Fed the soil through our roots Fed the birds with our fruits Now you chop us down, down, down You chop us down

We have made the air you breathe Shade and shelter with our leaves Cured ailments and disease Yet you chop us down, down, down You chop us down

See the owl fly from the trees
Watch the squirrel as she flees
Will you hear their dying pleas?
When you chop us down, down, down
You chop us down

Will you know which tree you hack When you weald your deadly axe? Will you look up all the facts? Before you chop us down, down, down You chop us down

When you've turned the trees to gold When you've lost the treasure you hold Will you mourn what you have sold? When they chop us down, down, down They chop us down, down, down They chop us down, down, down They chop us down