

Sing: O Great Earth² (*with actions*)

Scene 5: Children of the World Respond

Music for O Great Earth quietly continues under. Children begin to come forward in sequence, to read their letters:

- Child1: Dear Santa, I heard you needed some help with Christmas this year. I would like to help you. I thought that if I made sure my brother and I didn't let the water run a long time when we brush our teeth, and if we washed our car with a bucket of water instead of with a hose, we could help save some water. I know it's not much, but it's a gift I can give the earth this year. Love from Me.
- Child2: Dear Santa, Here is how I am going to help the earth. We are going to try to have a Christmas with no plastic and no garbage. We are going to use cloth bags to wrap presents and use recycled wrapping paper.
- Child3: Santa, we're going to use less electricity for our Christmas lights, walk more and drive less, and not use throw-away dishes for our parties.
- Children 4&5: We're going to give earth-friendly presents to our friends!
- Child6: Santa, I haven't figured out what I can do to give a gift to the earth for Christmas. It seems like little things are so - well - little. But, I want you to know that I'm here to help you. Because I really love the Earth. It's my home.

Santa returns to centre stage. Head Elf joins him from the left.

- Santa: You know, Christmas never was just about ME bringing gifts to YOU. It's always been a season of everyone giving gifts to the ones we love.
- Head Elf: Maybe we forgot we love the Earth. Maybe it's time we gave gifts back to the Earth.
- Santa: For this, I'm going to need lots of help. This job is not just for children, not just for grown-ups.
- Head Elf: Not just for your town, your province or even your whole country.

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COOL IT — The Global Cooling Song

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Chorus

Cool it, cool it, cool this planet down, cool it, cool it down
Cool it, cool it, cool this planet down, cool it, cool it down

1 Temperatures are rising, arctic ice is melting, polar bears are scrambling,
the heat is all around, we've got to cool it down, cool it cool it down,
Appealing to the masses, to cut our greenhouse gases down

2 Wacky weather here, stormy weather there, climate change is on us
the signs are everywhere, we've got to cool it down, cool it cool it down,
Take shelter from the storm — come together — and cool it down

Bridge

Moms and Dads & CEOs, hear the *children's* call
don't leave your engines idle, there's no time to stall
All around the world, in the country and the towns
there's a growing global chorus and it's ringing in the halls

Cool it, cool it, cool this planet down, cool it, cool it down
Cool it, cool it, cool this planet down, cool it, cool it down

2nd bridge

We'll do it *to help Santa*, we'll do it for ourselves
Everybody's needed, everyone can help

Cool it, cool it, cool this planet down, cool it, cool it down
Cool it, cool it, cool this planet down, cool it, cool it down

We can do it, turn this world around, cool it cool it down
Cool it, cool it, cool this planet down, cool it cool it down

Cool it, cool it, cool this planet down, cool it, cool it down
Cool it, cool it, cool this planet down, cool it, cool it down

Cool It is one of Raffi's inspirational songs for educators, decision makers, parents, grandparents, and beluga grads. He has offered it free of charge to performers everywhere.