



Billy B. Sings About Trees

Lyrics Sheet

What Is A Tree?

*Now, what is a tree? Does anybody know
just what they are and just how they grow?
What do they need? And what do they do?
And what are they used for? And by whom?*

*Who, oh, oh, I tried to find out. I went down to the
forest and took a look about.
I saw that trees are alive. They sprout,
and they live, and they die.
Trees are big plants that bend
when the wind makes them them dance.*

*Who, oh, oh, I tried to find out. I went down to the
library and took a book out.
I read that trees start as seeds. They grow in the
soil if they get what they need.
Yes, with minerals, water and sun, Trees grow
year after year before they're done*

*Who, oh, oh, I tried to find out. I went down to the
building site. and heard the carpenter shout,
I use trees that have been cut down, but the
lumber I use can't be round
so the sawmill makes the edges square so I can
build houses or schools anywhere.*

*Who, oh, oh, I tried to find out. I went to the forest
and heard the birdies sing out.
I use trees for my home,
from one to another I roam.
And in the trees I build my nest because that's
where my babies are protected the best.*

These Trees

*Everyday people say what difference can I make,
what deeds can I do, what action can I take?
Well now is the time for you and me to find
a spot, dig a hole and plant a young tree.*

CHORUS

*These trees releasing sweet oxygen,
these trees the monkeys and the birds are living in.
These trees limbs stretching up towards the sky,
oh, these trees absorbing all the carbon dioxide.
Big trees, green leaves, deep roots in the ground
the branches grow up, as the bark grows around.
And the flowers turn into fruit
which falls to the ground,
the seeds sprout and take root.
Tree grows, sap flows, young tree grows big and old
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Everyday people say what difference can I make,
what deeds can I do, what action can I take?
Well now is the time for you and me to find
a spot, dig a hole and plant a young tree.*

CHORUS

*So plant your tree that you prefer
the deciduous or the conifer.
Dig a hole deep, keep the roots straight,
put that tree in the ground, water it and wait.
Water and wait, water and wait,
water and wait, water and wait.
And as that tree grows give it care,
so it will thrive and grow when you're not there
yes as that tree grows tall and strong
you can watch it grow all your life long
yes as that tree grows tall and strong
you can watch it grow all your life long*



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Outside

*Well I get myself dressed, get my shoes on
cause I'm gonna go where I belong
I'm gonna go to the door and open it wide
let my family know I'm heading outside
Outside with all the living things
Outside to hear the birdies sing
Outside for discovery
Outside for my own curiosity*

*jump down look around
there's bees feeding on the flowers
new finds all the time
stay outside for hours and hours
Well, I hit the trail the sun does shine
the sky is blue and I'm feeling fine
my legs are moving I've caught my stride
the air is clean and I'm outside*

*Outside with all the living things
Outside to hear the birdies sing
Outside for discovery
Outside for my own curiosity
Outside with all the living things
Outside to hear the birdies sing
Outside for discovery
Outside for my own curiosity*

Sugar Bushing

*When spring breaks winters back in two
with days in the 40s and nights below 32
if the sun shines the sap will run
the time is right if you want to get some
so get off your cushion
let's go sugar bushing*

Cont. (Sugar Bushing)

*cause something's pushing the sap
up the tree, well it's a mystery
don't worry about it
just grab your pail and tap
and if you're able to find a sugar maple
put the real stuff on your table
if you boil it down
the sap I mean
and keep it clean
unless you don't mind your syrup dark brown
everybody loves syrup
that comes from the maple tree
through the tap
flows the sap
so sweet and naturally*

Wake Up!

*Wake up! Wake up! Wake up! Wake up!
The days are longer.
Wake up! Wake up!
The days are longer.
Wake up! It's Spring!
Wake up! It's Spring!
Feel the warmth we blow
seep deep inside
so your sap can flow!
Cause when your your sap starts flowin',
you'll again start growin'. Look!! See what I mean?
Now your buds are showin', and it's all because
we warm winds are blowin'.
So Wake Up! Wake Up!!!
the days are longer*



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Open Flower

*Have you ever smelled a flower
with nectar like perfume?
There's no honey in the flowers,
and every flower blooms.*

*Flowers might need the wind
Flowers might need the bees
to carry the pollen to the flower
so that flower can make seeds.
Pollen growing to the ovary,
yes that flower will make seeds
if pollen grows to the ovary.
Most green plants have flowers,
flowers to make seeds.
Some flowers are beautiful
and some are hard to see.*

Yippee Hooray

*Wet ground!
Warm sun!
My life as a tree.
Has just begun.
I'm so sure;
I have no doubts,
because my shell has cracked,
and I have a sprout!
It's growing up, and growing out,
it's growing up, and growing out!
Yippee, Hooray! I am a sprout!*

My Roots Run Deep

*My roots run deep-
yes, deep into the ground.
so minerals and water*

Cont. (My Roots Run Deep)

*can be absorbed
when they're found.*

*Yes, my roots run deep-
oh, deep into the ground.
They give me water
and keep me from falling down.
Now, my roots have hairs
it's them that keep me fed
with the minerals and water;
without them I'd be dead.*

*unless, mycorrhizae, the fungus root,
mycorrhizae grows on my root shoots
and helps my roots as they run deep,
yes, deep into the ground
where the minerals and water
can be absorbed when they're found.
my roots run deep, whoa so deep into the ground.
well now , They give me water keep me from falling
down in the ground, they're growing down in the ground*

The Rock and Roll of Photosynthesis

*Well, now the sun comes streaming out of the sky,
making everything grow and keeping us alive.
And our main connection to the sun are the green leaves.
Only they can make food with sunshine energy.
Now What keeps the leaves green
and the sunlight stashed
are those chlorophyll containers called chloroplasts.
There are millions of them in every leaf.
yeah now They all get excited when the leaf gets lighted
and become the leave's food factories.
(become the leaves' food factories)*

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Cont. (The Rock and Roll of Photosynthesis)

*Oh, Photosynthesis, yes, photosynthesis;
it's a process that let's life exist
– that photosynthesis.
You know it's true, we'd all be through
without the rock and roll of Photosynthesis.*

*Well now, the minerals and water coming up
from the ground, which is where the
rain falls and the roots are found.
They travel just beneath the bark
up into the leaves.
Leaves use what they need
to make food for the plant,
and the rest is vaporized as it's released.*

*Oh yeah, the vapor slips out, carbon dioxide
slips in just as the leaf releases water's oxygen
it makes it free for you and me
it's the living example of harmony
so next time you think everything's all wrong
go breathe among the leaves
you're gonna know you belong
go breathe among the leaves
you're gonna know you belong
Oh, Photosynthesis, yes, photosynthesis;
it's a process that let's us exist
– that photosynthesis.
You know it's true, we'd all be through
without the rock and roll of Photosynthesis.*

*Now when the leaves get sunshine
and water, too; and carbon dioxide from me and
you; they make that mighty sugar
people call Glucose.
It becomes other sugars
in the bark, stored as starch.
food flowing where and when the tree
needs it most.*

Song of the Young Tree

*In the forest,
a young tree grows
so small and so alive.
It sings a song, if you want to know
just how hard it tries.*

*Now listen! It's singing in the wind
and the song is making the big trees grin.
"Hey, you big guys, let me have some sun.
Yeh, the sun is for everyone.
What's the matter? You act like you can't hear!
Oh, forget it, I'll grow over here,
grow over here . . . "
It's sunshine energy!!*

This Bark On Me

*This bark on me is my skin.
It keeps diseases out
and tree juices in
and protects me
from bugs, dust, and wind.
Even though sometimes
the bugs get in.
So the woodpeckers come
and they make their marks,
saying, "Knock, knock, knock!!
We're hungry and there's bugs in your bark"
But, if the bark breaks,
disease may set in, killing me,
just because of broken skin,
just because of broken skin,
just because!*

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Cont. (This Bark On Me)

*Now leaves make food that
travels through the bark
down to the roots the food goes (Flow -low- em)
While minerals and water rise through sap wood
up to the leaves they flow (Xy – high – lem)
and in between the bark and the sap wood
each spring a new tree ring grows (cambium)
so if the bark is broken in a ring around the tree
the food stops, the tree dies OHHHH
NOOOOOOOO yes!*

Making Seeds

*Spring brings flowers out of
my branches and my limbs.
They open slowly, and dangle pollen in the wind
to make seeds for growing trees,
making seeds for growing trees.
Now my open flower bend and
sway with each windy gust
and pollen falls free so tiny and
green just wind borne dust
to make seeds for growing trees,
making seeds for growing trees.
my pollen is carried to all the
flowers touched by the wind
my pollen grows in the flower
that's ready to begin
to make seeds for growing trees,
making seeds for growing trees.*

Making That Sugar

*We are the winds
of summertime
swirlin' around you.*

Cont. (Making That Sugar)

*The sun is shinin'
stronger than ever,
and your green leaves
are the busiest part at you.*

*Yes, they're making that sugar,
that special kind at tree food;
so you can store it in your
roots until springtime,
because most of your growin'
for this year is through.*

*And when the sun shines
into your green leaves,
and water from your
roots is risin'
your leaves are making sugar
from the sun.
Yeh, they are
Pho-to-syn-the-sizing !
(repeat – then repeat 1.)*

*But I know they won't be busy,
it they become droopy and dry.
But, at least when they're droopy,
they won't sweat so much
misty water into the sky.
But everything's all right now.
You've got great, big,
beautiful leaves,
and they are makin'
sugar like crazy
flutterin' in my sunny breeze..
my beautiful breeze.*



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Yummy Yummy

Oh, Yummy, Yummy, Yummy;
It's awfully sunny.
I can eat all that I want;
I can eat all that I want.
My leaves need the sun
to make food for all of me.
They can only do it with
Sunshine energy! Sunshine energy!
Now, the water comes up
from the roots into the leaves.
They use what they need,
and the rest they sweat
from their underneath.
With the sun and the water,
the leaf makes food then lets it go
down through the limb
into the trunk;
so the tree can grow!!

Blow Away Baby

Here comes the wind
to blow my babies away.
Oh, it seems like so long ago,
since I started that way.
Blow away, baby;
Blow away, baby.
You'll be caught in the wind
because you're built that way.
And whether you grow
depends on where your laid
down on the ground.
And, since you're a seed,
warm sun and water and earth
is what you need to grow!!

The Nut Story

In the fall, Trees like me make the
squirrels run and hop
because the nuts on my branches begin to drop
I'm dropping acorns all over the ground
they'll sit there and rot unless their found
by busy squirrels who will bury them away
and if their memory fails (ah duh)
they'll be a tree there one day
because winter freezes the ground around the nut
the nut cracks the spring
thaws the ground around the seed
the seed sprouts and grows
in the ground around the roots
now a young tree grows
in the ground around the squirrel
(hey, how did that tree get there)
Red oak acorn contains a lot of fat
The squirrel says, "it taste bad, so I'll just bury that"
in winter the squirrel knows
the fat will keep him warm
so the squirrel digs up and eats the bitter fat acorn
All kinds of nut trees grow all around the world
from nuts planted by many kinds of squirrels
squirrels store and bury nuts all about
and when they forget new trees sprout

It's Autumn

It's Autumn. It's Autumn.
There's a little more night and a little less sun.
It's Autumn. It's Autumn.
The Summer has ended, and it's time to prepare
for the coming of Winter. Can you feel my cool air?
The green life in your leaves is fading today,
leaving the colors that will soon blow away.
It's Autumn!
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Cont. (It's Autumn)

*Whether your seeds are in fruit, nuts or wings,
let them go now so they'll be planted for Spring.
Your big leaves are falling,
yet your new buds have formed.
They will stay small and sleepy until
Spring makes them warm.
It's Autumn!*

Life of the Dead Tree

*Listen with Lyrics18. Life of the Dead Tree
It might have been lightning or maybe disease
It might have been old age, root rot, any one or
more than these that caused the death of, the
death of the live tree.
But don't be sad if the tree's growth is gone
because in a dead tree
all sorts of living goes on.
Yes, it's the life of,
the life of the dead tree*

*When a tree dies the living things come to dwell
in the many nooks and crannies
of the dead-tree hotel.
Right under the bark, bark beetles roam around,
wood bores dig deeper, ants and termites abound
and they all take cover
when the woodpecker pounds.*

*Owls might nest, raccoons could, too.
A hollow center shows what fungus can do.
All the parasites can turn a tree into a shell,
leaving space for homes even if the tree fell.
But then you'd have to call it Dead Tree Motel.
As a motel, there might be fox or skunks,
maybe mice or squirrel's, snakes or chipmunks.
Brown or white rot will break the dead tree down*

Cont. (Life of the Dead Tree)

*into cubes or stringy matter,
becoming part of the ground
making rich soil and the green growth abound*

Tree Farming Family

*Down in the southeast the loblolly pine grows
out in the swamps cypress show their knees
each trunk and each branch
where moss and the vine grows
is where you're gonna find bio diversity
tree farming family with e
very branch on the family tree
It's a tree farming family
on this land there'll always be
a tree farming family living
with the critters wild and free
and the forest will remain
and the harvest will sustain
this Tree farming family
up in the north, come every autumn
the green growth of summer each day retires
colors revealed some color created
the maples look so brilliant
they seem like they're on fire*

*Fly , fly across the USA
looking down at the trees all along the way
see,see the forest where that life all lives
smile, smile and think
how much the forest gives, and gives, and
gives,gives gives gives gives
out in the west in heat of the summer
sweet smells come from the ponderosa pines
you got your skinny lodge poll
and your great big doug firs
but it's the Sequoia that really blows your mind*