

The Land Owns Us

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Em *G*
Mark well my words and understand
F *Em*
The land owns us, we don't own the land
F *G* *Am*
The land owns us, we don't own the land

F *G*
The redwood forests, the mountains, the sea
F *G*
Were revered by the Navajo and Cherokee
F *G*
The Sioux, the Apache and the Choctaw
F *G* *Am*
Who took what they needed and nothing more

Chorus

Then white men's greed beyond all need
Caused our ancient lands to bleed
Disease and killing over years and years
Our losses recalled in the trail of tears

Chorus

The buffalo herds that once roamed free
'Cross the plains as far as the eye could see
Are now no more than memory
Like Wounded Knee, just history

Chorus

The flocks of passenger pigeons are gone
That flew so thick they blocked the sun
For cruel fun with lethal guns
They destroyed them all, every one

Chorus

But the time is coming and it may not be long
When the men of greed find they were wrong
For the earth will survive but we may not
As the climate changes from warm to hot

Chorus x 2