

Earth Song – Michael Jackson (1995)

The Lyrics

1) Put the sentences in the right order as you hear them :

- _____ What about rain
- _____ That you said we were to gain...
- _____ What about sunrise
- _____ Did you ever stop to notice
- _____ What about killing fields
- _____ Is there a time
- _____ What about all the things
- _____ Did you ever stop to notice
- _____ What about all the things
- _____ This crying Earth these weeping shores?
- _____ All the blood we've shed before
- _____ That you said was yours and mine...

CHORUS

Aaaaaaaaah Ooooooooh

2) Listen and fill in the blanks :

- What have we done to the _____
Look what we've done
What about all the _____
That you pledged your only _____...
What about flowering _____
Is there a time
What about all the _____
That you said was yours and mine...
Did you ever stop to _____
All the children dead from _____
Did you ever stop to notice
This crying _____ these weeping shores?

CHORUS

3) Put the words of the sentences in the right order :

used / I / dream / to

stars / beyond / I / to / glance / used / the

_____ where / don't / I / Now / know / we / are

_____ far / drifted / Although / we've / know / I

CHORUS

4) Put the following words in the blanks :

*free – cry – joy – everything – nature – yesterday –
trust – land – someone – elephants – seas – man –
death – children – planet – animals – forest*

- Hey, what about _____
(What about us) = **after each line**
What about the _____
The heavens are falling down
I can't even breathe
What about _____
I have given you
What about _____'s worth
(ooo,ooo)
It's our _____'s womb
What about _____
We've turned kingdoms to dust
What about _____
Have we lost their _____
What about crying whales
We're ravaging the seas
What about _____ trails
(ooo, ooo)
Burnt despite our pleas
What about the holy _____
Torn apart by creed
What about the common _____
Can't we set him _____
What about _____ dying
Can't you hear them _____
Where did we go wrong
(ooo, ooo)
Someone tell me why

What about baby boys
What about the days
What about all their _____

What about the man
What about the crying man
What about Abraham
What about _____ again
(ooo, ooo)
Do we give a damn

CHORUS

5) Find out the English equivalents in the song :

Lever de soleil :
Voir, remarquer :
Sang :
Verser :
Rivage :
En pleurs :
Promettre :
Jeter un coup d'œil :
Dériver :
Valeur :
Respirer :
Cieux :
Ventre :
Royaumes :
Confiance :
Baleine :
Croyance :
Se préoccuper :

6) Questions :

- Who does the pronoun 'we' refer to ? And 'I' ?
- Who is this song addressed to ?
- Answer Michael Jackson's last question : 'Do we give a damn ?'