

The next thing I would like to share with you is a song I wrote for my presentation. that showcases what I believe is a green, just recovery from this pandemic and economic crisis. The song is titled: 'We are one global community', and I think it demonstrates the central theme of this presentation- we are one, so we must stand in solidarity with each other and work together to make it through these hardships.

We are one global community

we're still in quarantine, it's already been a year
and yet the end is sadly nowhere near
the world seems hopeless considering all that's lost
people dying everyday, isolation in our homes
losing money, every small business is closed
going into work means putting your health at risk

it's only getting worse lately
but we need a plan for recovery
otherwise we'll never make it
we are one global community
always fighting for the common good
have to stop saying the government should
working together to be understood
we are one global community
and we're going to make it out alive

India's hit hard, migrant workers lost their jobs
South Sudan's restrictions aren't strong enough
in Colombia, millions without real homes
initiatives in place, how else will they get through this
because the governments acting foolish
we must donate to the cause so they can survive

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but we need a plan for recovery
otherwise we'll never make it
we are one global community
always fighting for the common good
have to stop saying the government should
working together to be understood
we are one global community

and we're going to make it out alive

co2 emissions have been at an all-time low
we can let something that amazing go
cutting our emissions as the economy grows
investing six billion in clean energy projects
this doesn't mean we're off the hook quite yet
small actions like driving less are very helpful too

because it's only getting worse lately
but if we team up we'll get through this safely
Pope Francis has reminded us greatly
that we are one global community
always fighting for the common good
have to stop saying the government should
working together to be understood
cause we are one global community
and we are going to make it yay
we are going to make it yay
we are going to make it out alive

As previously stated, I wrote this song about what I believe it takes to have a green and strong recovery from the pandemic. To me, this doesn't entail the government making choices for us, but rather all of us working towards the common good as one global community. We can't expect our government to take care of all the major problems; if we feel something is important, we must try to handle it ourselves. This includes small actions such as donating to the Global South, or driving less to keep carbon dioxide emissions low. We are to participate in our global community and stand up for what we believe is right. In *Fratelli Tutti*, we see Pope Francis writes that in regards to the pandemic, "Once more we realized that no one is saved alone; we can only be saved together." (Fratelli Tutti, No. 32). In this quote, the importance of working together as a community is emphasized. As Aristotle states, true happiness is found in the community. We must help others to find everlasting life in the kingdom of God.

My hope is that this song caught the attention of my peers during my presentation, to help them understand the work that has to be done to get back to a sustainable life. It won't be easy, but anything is possible if we work together.