

“Beds Are Burning”

by Midnight Oil

Verse 1: Out where the river broke
The bloodwood and the desert oak
Holden wrecks and boiling diesels
Steam in forty five degrees

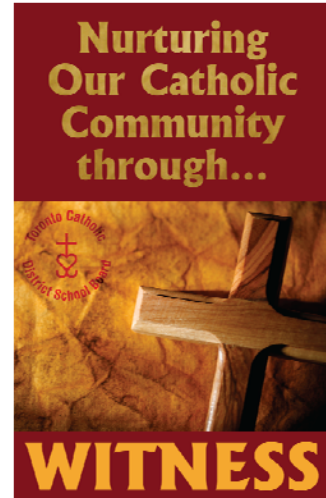
Chorus: The time has come
To say fair's fair
To pay the rent
To pay our share

The time has come
A fact's a fact
It belongs to them
Let's give it back

How can we dance when our earth is turning
How do we sleep while our beds are burning

Verse 2: Four wheels scare the cockatoos
From kintore east to yuendumu
The western desert lives and breathes
In forty five degrees

(live - on scream in blue
The time has come
A fact's a fact
It belongs to us all
Let's give it back)



Questions:

1. What do you think the phrase, “How can we sleep when our beds are burning” means?
2. Who is the artist referring to when saying, “It belongs to them, let’s give it back”?
3. What are some ways you think the artist wants us to “pay our rent, pay our share”?