



## **new scientist - singing in the name of climate change**

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Basically what I am concerned with as composer, musician, film maker etc. is communicating in any way with the resources available the significance behind human civilization's impact on climate change. I accomplish this with the other components of my band, and the song that follows entitled New Scientist is an attempt to do this using the platform of the popular 3 minute rock song format. This Scientific Symposium is important no doubt, being a wonderful way of bringing creativity into science by inviting artists to participate. However time is running out and getting the message out on the scale necessary to start reversing the damage caused by modern man can only effectively be done with mass communication tools, hence broadcast and social media.

The lyrics for New Scientist and other compositions we have in our repertoire try to provoke awareness by being set in the future, talking to the egocentric nature of mankind and to the small percentage of those who have the will and insight to attempt the almost supernatural feat of saving some semblance of human habitat either on Earth, or finding a new one elsewhere in the Universe. It is a bit satirical but oddly enough with world governments firmly in the hands of big business be it dirty oil or the factory farming of animals etc., radical scientific solutions for the Earth seem to be mankind's only hope. It's great that NASA is finally making an attempt to reactivate manned space flights to Mars and deep space. In fact, nobody has ever taken seriously the impact of this research and technology on fighting climate change on Earth. To give an example, the hydrogen fuel cell is a technology not in use in everyday life in the modern world due to the lack of government special interests and subsidies. The good news however is that many of the scientific breakthroughs pioneered by NASA and its contractors have made available the ecologically friendly tools necessary to reverse climate change if only they would be made available to the greater public.

Song title: New Scientist

Name of the band: Eastern Rain

<https://www.facebook.com/easterrain>

demo: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e2fYfSuZBfM>

lyrics:

a notion came to me its very much alive  
comes down to knowing if we're able to survive  
if the answer lies a way up in the sky  
I hope the scientists are working overtime.

we lost the passion and the will to look around  
spent so much precious time like deadwood on the ground  
the systems broken and the logics hard to find  
thats why the scientists keep running out of time

too blind to notice they'll be fewer times around  
the world we know back then is no longer to be found  
if there is a ray of light deep in our children's eyes  
they'll be the scientists a turning back the time

its all been said before our greed just won't run dry  
mother nature will survive to this I'll testify  
her beauty knows no bounds and no one will deny  
thats why the scientists keep working overtime  
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