

Cycling songs by Steven Muir

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1 Cycling radical

tune by the rivers of Babylon
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key G

G
I'm gonna ride my bicycle
I'll change the world

D
Care for the Earth
G
Become a cycling radical

Cars they clog up the roads cause accidents
C G

Find a better way to go
Now wouldn't it be good if we all could
D G
Ride our bicycles

G D
May the petrol price go high
G D
So cars can't afford to pollute the sky
G D
And bikes can ride around in peace
G
May they increase

2 Oh when the bikes ride everywhere

tune oh when the saints go marching in
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Key C

C
Oh when the bikes ride everywhere
G
Oh when the bikes ride everywhere
C C7 F
then the cars will be needed no longer
C G C
Oh when the bikes ride everywhere

Oh when the bikes ride round the town
then the air that we breathe will be fresher

Oh when the bikes ride down each street
we can save fossil fuels for tomorrow

Oh when the bikes ride to the school
we will increase the health of our children

Oh when the bikes ride off to work
then the roads will be much less congested

3 Ride my bike to save the world

tune swing low sweet chariot
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Key E

Chorus
E A E
Ride on, my bicycle
B
Ride my bike to save the world
E A E
Ride on, my bicycle
B E
Ride my bike to save the world

Well I gave up my car to reduce my petrol bill
Ride my bike to save the world
Now riding on my bike that bill is next to nil
Ride my bike to save the world

Well the more that I bike the less I get obese
It's a sure and certain way for my health to increase

Well I will ride my bike when it's off to work I go
And without all the cars what a pleasure I would know

Well I can ride my bike when my shopping I will do
With my trailer that I built to load my food into

Well my bike it don't consume too much of fossil fuel
No exhaust to pollute bikes are clean that's the rule

4 Convenienced to death

Tune yellow submarine

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Key E

B7 E
In the car that's where I'm found
F#m B7
It's so convenient to travel round
B7 E
I should bike my doctor said
F#m B7
It might be harder but, you won't be dead

Chorus

E B7
We're all being convenienced to death
E
Convenienced to death, convenienced to death
(x2)

With remote held in my hands
I flick the channels to other lands
Exercise I will delay
My entertainment keeps it away

All my food is wrapped so nice
It's so convenient i won't think twice
Of the rubbish in the bin
Can the planet survive the sin

Hire purchase i will buy
Every gadget under the sky
But the earth cannot sustain
Such consumption without restrain

5 I like to go on my bike

Tune Lily the link

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Key C

C
I like I like I like
G7
to ride on my bike my bike my bike
C
The greatest way to get around
G7
A good solution to all the pollution

C
We should all get on our bikes

I'd always travel in my motorcar
A bad habit that I learnt
I saw the damage that I was causing
It made me want to ride my bike

It was so cosy in my motorcar
But I was getting overweight
And the stresses of all the traffic
I just had to ride my bike

It was so costly to fill my motorcar
With the petrol to drive around
And the pollution I was producing
It made me realise I should bike

Just imagine when every person
Is always riding on their bikes
It would be peaceful and so much safer
If we all could ride our bikes

6 When petrol goes up

Tune - when johnny comes marching home again
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Key Em

Em G
When petrol goes up twenty cents hurrah hurrah
Em Bm G
When petrol goes up twenty cents hurrah hurrah
G D
The cars that buy their gas each day
C Bm
will worry how they're going to pay
G D C Bm Am Em
And we'll keep riding better get on your bike,
Am Em
better get on your bike

When petrol goes up fifty cents hurrah hurrah x2
Some folks in their cars are bound
to find better ways to get around
And we'll keep riding better get on your bike,
better get on your bike

When petrol goes up eighty cents hurrah hurrah x2
When costs go up the cars will stay,
in the garage out of the way
And we'll keep riding better get on your bike,
better get on your bike

When petrol goes up one dollar hurrah hurrah x2
The cars might just get left at home,
the roads will be more pleasant to roam
And we'll keep riding better get on your bike,
better get on your bike

When petrol goes up two dollars hurrah hurrah x2
When drivers go to fill their tank
they'd better check first with their bank
And we'll keep riding better get on your bike,
better get on your bike

When petrol goes up three dollars hurrah hurrah x2
Without exhausts we'll see blue skies,
enjoy fresh air and exercise
And we'll keep riding better get on your bike,
better get on your bike

When petrol goes up four dollars hurrah hurrah x2
We'll move around without the fears
of cars that crush and cause such scares
And we'll keep riding better get on your bike,
better get on your bike

When petrol goes up five dollars hurrah hurrah x2
We'll build a trailer ditch the car,
bike our shopping near and far
And we'll keep riding better get on your bike,
better get on your bike

7 If it weren't for your bicycle

Tune - if it weren't for your gumboots
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Key G

G D C G
Bicycles are wonderful, bicycles are swell
C G
They get you round so quickly
Am D
and don't cause any smell
G C G
You'll find it more relaxing to go home on your bike
D G
So why don't you get on a cycle

Chorus
If it weren't for your bicycle where would you be
You'd be stuck in traffic
or getting more obese
Bikes they give you exercise and save you lots of cash
You'd better get yourself on a cycle

Well cars can have their uses, some people think the safe
To drop their kids off at the school, to drive them to the gate
The problem is the danger is mainly from the cars
We'd all be safer if we'd only cycle

Cars they can be comfy, cars they can be warm
You won't get very sweaty, or soggy in a storm
But you could die of heart disease when you're thirty four
So get some exercise on your cycle

Cars can be convenient, but they take so much space
A cycle won't congest the road or spew fumes in your face
No motorway extensions, we'd save a billion bucks
So why don't you travel on your cycle

For supermarket journeys most people take a car
But you could build a trailer and load it with tucker
You'd save so much in petrol you could buy some extra treats
So go and do your shopping on a cycle

8 On my cycle

Tune – in the jungle

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Key G

G C
On my cycle my peaceful cycle

G D
I'll bike on down the road

chorus

Ooh weee get-on-your-bike (x2)
get-on-your-bike (x7)

No pollution no noisy engine
I'll bike on down the road

Exercise under clear blue skies
I'll bike on down the road

9 I love to go a-cycling

Tune I love to go a wandering / valerie

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Key A, play it blues style it's not so tacky

A E7
I love to go a cycling along the city streets

E A Bm
But as I go I want to shout

D E7 A
at the cars that I do meet

chorus

E7 A E7
Cut the cars, cut the cars, cut the cars,

A D A D
cut the ca-a-a-a-a ars (x2)

D E7 A
And join me on a bike

Well when I bike I'd love to breathe in fresh and
healthy air
But then I face a car exhaust and I cry in despair

And when I bike no fossil fuel is burned along my
way
Unlike the cars who guzzle gas and that is why I
say

10 Bikes they are very dangerous

Tune - yo ho and up she rises

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Key G

Am
Bikes they are very dangerous

G
Bikes they are very dangerous

Am
Bikes they are very dangerous

Em
I could graze my elbow

I like to drive in my car (x3)
I feel so much safer

At home I watch my TV (x3)
Exercise is absent

I've had a heart attack now (x3)
It's an epidemic

Cars now seem much more dangerous (x3)
From now I am biking

Cars they are very dangerous (x3)
Now that I am biking