

THEY COME LIKE ARMIES

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[youtube.com/watch?v=1CRhxUmDDUU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1CRhxUmDDUU)

The musical score is written on four staves of a treble clef. The first staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). Chords are Am and E. The second staff has notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). Chords are Am, Dm, and E. The third staff has notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). Chords are Am and E. The fourth staff has notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). Chords are Dm and E.

They come like armies, they assault the land
They pump down vast amounts of water, toxic chemicals and sand
To crack the rocks and win the prize
The shale gas they hope will see their profits rise.

They say it's safe, nothing to fear
But it doesn't take a fracking scientist to spot a bad idea
Just one small leak in the wells they sink
Will contaminate the water that we drink

Ask who will profit? Who pay the price?
This patch of earth they're violating isn't theirs to sacrifice
Why can't they see that it's insane
To heat the planet, scar the earth for short term gain?

Earth's buried treasures they take by force
And fracking uses so much water it depletes the water source
So now in Texas they're asking why
The shale gas flows while the water taps run dry.

Let's choose clean water, let's choose clean air
Let's choose a future that's sustainable for everyone to share
Let's choose clean energy, sea, sun and wind
So we can keep those fossil fuels in the ground

Hydraulic fracturing, or “fracking,” is revolutionizing oil and gas drilling across the country. However, without rigorous safety regulations, it can poison groundwater, pollute surface water, impair wild landscapes, and threaten wildlife.