

## Sing the Word Hope in Four-Part Harmony

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We are young, confident, affluent, and have no memory of tougher times. We've grown up in an era of never ending financial growth, and have expected things to stay that way. We've grown up in owner occupied homes with total acceptance of technology, global warming and terrorism. Our whole society has been based on consumerism for the past 15 years, making us dream consumers, yet we don't know the difference between a credit card and a debit card, and we have no idea how much a pint of milk costs.

On average we have 800 illegally downloaded songs, and 1 on 8 of us spends more than 100 pounds a month on our mobile phone bill. We've never read a newspaper, and we've never used our chance to vote.

We allow our governments to make decisions without giving us all the facts. They send troops abroad who will die in order that we can steal resources from the people who have them. People who meant us little or no harm until we invaded their country. We allow those troops to commit horrendous atrocities and hang our alleged enemies for much less.

We've spent years entrusting our futures to our parents, our governments, the banks and the corporations who have continually lobbied for their own interests, and we've let them make selfish decisions that have left our society teetering on the edge of ruin.

We're blinded from the information that would really shock us by stories of sex and sleeze which doesn't make the smallest difference to our lives, and so we have no desire to do anything about the things that really do. We've watched as greed wipes billions of the worlds stock markets, destroys jobs and lives, and proves that capitalism is just as corruptible by human nature as communism.

These are tough times but we seek solace in our friends and Co-Conspirators, we make small differences in each other's lives, and dream that we can make real progress.