

# THE ORACLE

## THE ECOLOGICAL MUSICAL

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## Cast of Characters

RENZE DIVREE	Reluctant hero
DR PETER LEECH	A Humanoid, half-man \ half-machine
LOTHAIRE DIVREE	The ghost of Renze's father
DYAS	Leader of the Water people
KINDRED	A young outcast
WILSON	Leech's aide
PRAAG	A gigantic organic creature, one of Leech's creations
GUARD1	A member of Leech's inner guard
GUARD2	A member of Leech's inner guard
LION	An anahume
EAGLE	An anahume
WP1	A water person
WP2	A water person

Place: The planet Earth

Time: The year 2050

## Songs

“THESE ARE THE DAYS TO HOLD ON TO” - Cast  
 “ARE WE NOT THE KEEPERS” - Lothaire  
 “GIVE BACK TO THE LAND” - Lothaire & Renze  
 “OUTSIDE WORLD” - Renze & Kindred  
 “ORACLE” - Dyas, Renze and the Water People  
 “KING WITHOUT AN HEIR” - Leech & Guards  
 “PALE AND BLUE” - Renze & Dyas  
 “100% SYNTHETIC WORLD” - Leech  
 “ABSOLUTE DESTRUCTION ON MY MIND” - Praag & Kindred  
 “ONE DROP OF WATER” – Dyas  
 “THE SONG OF PEACE” - Renze, Dyas, Water People & Outcasts  
 “AS I WONDER” - Kindred  
 “WHITE DOVE” - Anahumes  
 “THE BATTLE” - Leech, Guards, Dyas & Renze  
 “FIND THE GOOD IN YOURSELF” - Renze & Leech

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## ACT I

In darkness the overture

As it finishes the opening song begins and the stage is filled with bright light indicating sunshine.

The cast enter dressed in street clothes and with smiles on their faces they sing the opening number

### THESE ARE THE DAYS TO HOLD ON TO: All Cast

ALL CAST

Dancing and running fast like the wind  
Climbing the trees with the birds and the bees  
Walk in the forest, swim in the lake  
How many daisy chains  
Do you think it might take?  
These are the days  
These are the days to hold on to

Sweet golden hair tied up with lace  
For all men and women a start up to space  
A walk in the forest, a swim in the lake  
How many years  
Do you think it will take?  
These are the days  
These are the days to hold on to

Sing!  
Hey ... hum diddle diddle da dum  
Ho ... hum diddle diddle da dum  
These are the days to hold on to

Flying hurdy gurdies, a walk on the moon  
Catastrophic earthquakes, sporadic typhoons  
Cut down the forest, dry up the lake  
Can you believe what is at stake  
The days slip away  
The days to hold on to

Life itself is caught on the breeze  
No second chances no guarantees  
That you can walk in the forest  
Or swim in the lake  
Closing our eyes was our biggest mistake  
Foresight is needed if these are the days  
To hold on to

We sing!  
Hey ... hum diddle diddle da dum  
Ho ... hum diddle diddle da dum  
Hey ... hum diddle diddle da dum  
These are the days

These are the days to hold on to

Song ends

At the end of the song suddenly we hear a slamming door, the lights darken and the cast flee the stage. We hear an icy wind howling across the wastelands accompanied by atmospheric music.

From out of the earth arises Lothaire, a man in his mid sixties dressed in a flowing earth coloured robe.

Lothaire sings

## **ARE WE NOT THE KEEPERS: Lothaire**

**LOTHAIRE**

*(spoken)*

The golden times have past  
The age of network has arrived  
The world once fresh and young is now barren and gray  
the ozone layer is no more  
by day the heavens rain fire over a scorched earth  
by night the winds chill to the core

More precious than life is the food that we eat  
and more dreadful than death is this world we meet  
People of the earth take heed  
the prophesy of the oracle  
prepare your heart the future is upon you  
Gone, depleted, deleted, defeated,  
All gone ...

*(sung)*

Something's in the atmosphere  
A poison in the air  
Something's in the atmosphere  
Network madness everywhere

Cast out on the badlands  
People of the earth  
Cast out on the badlands  
Stripped of all their worth

One man sits upon his throne  
Trapped inside a bubble  
One man standing on his own  
The rest banished to the rubble

Cast out on the badlands  
People of the earth  
Cast out on the badlands  
Stripped of all their worth

This is the song of the earth  
This is the fate of all mankind

Are we not the keepers  
People of the earth  
We need believers  
Cause there will come a time  
When we no longer remember  
No longer recall  
All that is lost

One man sits upon his throne  
Leech is his name  
One man standing all alone  
Destruction is his fame

Cast out on the badlands  
The tongues cut from their throat  
Cast out on the badlands  
They only live in hope

This is the song of the earth  
This is the fate of all mankind

Are we not the keepers  
People of the earth  
We need believers  
Cause there will come a time  
When we no longer remember  
No longer recall  
All that is lost

The world is pale and blue  
The earth is dying  
But there is one chance  
A stranger,  
A man unknown to Leech  
A man who has not seen the sky for 20 years  
A man buried underneath the earth  
Scared, hungry and defeated  
A broken man about to be reborn

*(spoken)*

it is foretold the sleeper will awake  
from beneath the earth he will rise  
a glimmer of hope where once there was none  
as the earth breathes her last breath  
he will come  
and all of man will await him

*(sung)*

My only living son awaken to your destiny  
Now your time has come  
Can't you see the wheels are turning  
The revolution has begun

Cast out on the badlands

Renze it's now or never  
Cast out on the badlands  
It'll soon be lost forever.

One man standing on his own  
You ... are ... The chosen one.

Song ends

## ***SCENE 1 - RENZE'S HIDEOUT***

Renze on his bed, tossing and turning. Lothaire enters

LOTHAIRE            Renze

Renze turns and sees Lothaire. Grabs steel rod to protect himself.

RENZE                Who are you?

LOTHAIRE            You know who I am

RENZE                How did you get in here?

LOTHAIRE            You cannot keep me out

RENZE                Stay away from me

LOTHAIRE            I have come for you

RENZE                You're from the network

LOTHAIRE            I am a friend

RENZE                How did you know I was here?

LOTHAIRE            I see everything. You cannot hide from me. I have come for you, my son. Come. Feel my hands. Look into my eyes. Do you not recognise your own father?

RENZE                My father is dead

LOTHAIRE            And I have returned the dead bring you a message

RENZE                The dead don't come back. Get out.

LOTHAIRE            Hear me Renze

RENZE                Hear me. Get out.

LOTHAIRE            My little rebel. Still as angry as ever.

RENZE                How did you know that name? No one knows that name.

LOTHAIRE I know everything about you my son

RENZE You're not my father!

LOTHAIRE Listen. The time has come, you must find the key. You must begin the quest.

Lothaire sings

### **GIVE BACK TO THE LAND: Lothaire & Renze**

LOTHAIRE I am the voice of past and present  
I am the wind, the breath of life  
I dance through trees to send a message  
I come to you to start the fight

Together we will save the earth  
From the tyrants who now rule our land  
It's up to you, be my disciple  
Take my hand and we'll fly

I will guide you to your destination  
The journey's long you must be patient

Give back to the land, I tell thee, what it gave to you  
It's hurting and it's crying - I'm telling you the truth  
But the day is fast approaching  
When she'll just lay down and die  
She cries out for forgiveness  
Though she cannot reason why

RENZE Leave me, leave me, go now, please leave me alone  
I have surrendered, my heart has turned to stone  
The ideals I once had, have long been forgotten  
The world in which we live - is now decayed and rotten.

I no longer care for the beauty which I cherished  
I loved it, I watched it slowly perish

Give back to the land, I tell thee, what it gave to you  
It's hurting and it's crying - I'm telling you the truth  
But the day is fast approaching  
When she'll just lay down and die  
She cries out for forgiveness  
Though she cannot reason why

Song ends

LOTHAIRE Begin the quest my son, find the key. You are our only hope,  
our last hope.

Lothaire exits



Suddenly there is a loud clatter off, Kindred covered in dirt and dressed in rags tumbles onto stage. She sees Renze and recoils against a wall.

RENZE                    It's alright I'm not going to hurt you. Good isn't it, pure H2O, compliments of the network.

KINDRED                Guardman!

RENZE                    No, not a Guardman. Who are you?

KINDRED                Me - Kindred

RENZE                    Kindred, come from the Spheres did you? Runaway?

KINDRED                Me live - (points upwards)

RENZE                    The wastelands? No one lives on the wastelands.

KINDRED                Mama outcast.

RENZE                    Leech?

KINDRED                Tongue, cut

Banging sound

RENZE                    What's that? Who's up there?

Banging sound

RENZE                    It's not Guardsmen is it?

KINDRED                Guardman

RENZE                    Do you know what you've done?

RENZE                    For 20 years I've lived here, no one's known ok, I've pinched their water, stolen their gas, even their food - and Leech hasn't suspected a thing until now.

There is more banging, getting louder

KINDRED                Must go

RENZE                    Don't tell me what to do

KINDRED                Hurry!

Offstage we hear Guardsmen breaking through

RENZE                    Bag?

KINDRED                Food!

RENZE                    Yeah - get your hands off! Quick!

KINDRED                   Hurry!

RENZE                     Down here, they won't follow us here.

## **SCENE 2 - THE TUNNELS**

Renze and Kindred sing

### **OUTSIDE WORLD: Renze & Kindred**

RENZE                     In the tunnel there's a million different visions  
Looking at you, staring at you  
In the tunnel you are faced with decisions  
Childhood derisions, you stop and you listen

I wanna break out into the light of the day  
Where dreams are made and there's a lot to say  
In the outside world, in the outside world

In the tunnel there are shadows you hid from  
Looking at you, staring at you  
In the tunnel you just keep on running  
Your mind is humming the shadows keep coming

I wanna break out into the light of the day  
Where dreams are made and there's a lot to say  
In the outside world, in the outside world  
In the outside world, in the outside world

KINDRED                 Things aren't what they seem  
The network stole our dreams, there's so much sorrow  
Father said we'd lost our way, the right to have our say  
But things would soon be changing  
The earth just had to break  
Only so much you could take  
Now it's dying  
Leech is an evil king  
The birds no longer sing, the earth is dying.

I wanna break out into the light of the day  
Where dreams are made and there's a lot to say  
In the outside world, in the outside world

Song ends

RENZE                     Let's go - come on, move

RENZE                     Run!

Waterperson freezes Renze

RENZE                     I can't move, run Kindred!