# THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME

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music by Henry Purcell ('Gaia's Lament' based on'Dido's Lament' from <u>Dido and Aeneas</u>), Bora Yoon, and solo shamanic drumming in 'Throwdown' by Sandra Ingerman, Sounds True, Inc. Used with permission.

additional lyrics Bora Yoon, Emily Dickinson from poem 'Forever - is composed of Nows'

VISUAL TEXT: The bodies we live in shape the world we experience

## **GAIA'S LAMENT**

GAIA (to mortals)
Can you hear me?
Can you see me?
The earth is alive, you are made of me
We all live and grow from the river of time.
A cascade of branches are we...

To doing it well, never to see what it becomes Perhaps invisible now, I've become in this generosity Can we save these lungs, these trees, these seas?

## **AUTUMN PELTIER**

We believe our water is sacred, because we are born of water, and live in water for 9 months. When the water breaks, new life comes. But even deeper than that — we come from our mother's water, and her mothers' water, and so on.

All of the original water flows through us, from the beginning, and all around us.

## **GEORGE FLOYD**

Mama— Mama.. < get up, and get in the far right> Please, please I can't breathe — please man.. please. I can't.. Please, sir.. — < distant protest chant > < coughing, child's voice >

## **GAIA**

< Remember me.. I can't.. I can't breathe >
When will you see — you are part of me, and I am part of you?

## XIUHTEZCATL

Everything that separates us, everything that makes us want to point a finger at someone else, and throw the problem to them.

Who will stand with me now? For mine and future generations, to inherit a healthy, just, and sustainable planet?

Who will stand with me now?

GAIA

Forever, forever is composed of Nows\*

## **THROWDOWN**

## **GRETA THUNBERG**

If the walls of our house, truly came tumbling down, surely, you would find a way to set your differences aside and start cooperating.

I want you to act as if the house in on fire

## **AUTUMN PELTIER**

Our water deserves to be treated as human, with human rights. We all have a right to this water, as we need it. Not just rich people. All people.

## **GRETA THUNBERG**

And I agree, to panic, unless you have to, is a terrible idea.

But when your house is on fire, and you want to keep your house from burning to the ground then that does require some level of panic.

We must all do the seemingly impossible

## GAIA

What's it gonna take

## **BREANNA FRUEAN**

It is our choice. And the time to make change is Now. And not by this year. I mean, in this moment.

## XIUHTEZCATL

We have to remember that we are all indigenous to this earth.

## **GRETA THUNBERG**

But it's still not too late to act.

It will take a far reaching vision.

It will take courage, it will fear, fierce determination to act now.

To lay the foundations where we may not know all the details of how to shape the ceiling In other words — it will take cathedral thinking.

## GAIA

The powers that be Or the power of We

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