

## Oi Polloi "Free The Henge"

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Sticks and standing stones  
Arrests and broken bones  
Peoples' homes destroyed  
Vicious thugs employed  
By rulers alienated  
From an earth they've devastated  
Surround our temple with barbed wire  
But in our hearts there burns a fire (to)  
Free the Henge Free the Henge  
Our culture is attacked  
Our right are violated  
I say its time to end  
The restrictions they've created  
Free the Henge Free the Henge

For thousands of years Stonehenge has been a sacred meeting place for people - Furthermore in 1918 it was gifted to the nation the then "owner" on the condition that there sholud be free access for all who wished to gather there so what gives you the right, the power to decide that the people's access to the stones will be denied? We won't be stopped by cops, four miles "exclusion zones" 'cos we're coming through to liberate the stones  
Free the Henge Free the Henge  
The time will come again  
When we'll be at Henge  
To feel the Earthpower  
At the solstice hour  
Free the Henge Free the Henge  
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Winter solstice 1988 - Stonehenge - Bands playing, jugglers juggling, people breathing fire, gathering wood in the trees as the music echoed through the night air, laughing, sitting round the campfire talking and sharing food and drink - An amazingly friendly atmosphere - In the morning, gathering before dawn at the stones, dancing round the stone circle hand in hand - A little magic in the midst of our grey, drab world of concrete and exhaust fumes...

Summer solstice 1989 - Riot police, road-blocks,  
coming up against the full force of the state, chased  
through woods by the cops, hiding in the ditches while  
helicopter searchlights sliced through darkness to find  
us, fear, anger, determination - That they will not beat  
us, that they will not destroy our culture... A response: If  
they think they can stop us gathering together for free  
festivals they are wrong. Our response to our  
experiences was just to come and organise a free  
festival on Cramond Island near Edinburgh.  
With the help of many others we made our own festival  
- And you can too!

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