

Cowra from Intertwined
Lyrics

TEEN GIRL (SPOKEN):

We're going to Cowra? I thought you said Nowra!
Seriously Dad!
that's bad (groans)
You said what?
I could learn a lot?
What in Cowra?
Urgh Dad!

TEEN GIRL (SUNG):

No beach, just pubs
do they even have wifi?
for the love, of all
that is young like me
Take a trip, to a town
300k's from Sydney
some holi—day
this will be

CHORUS (TEEN GIRL):

Cowra what's so special about you?
Cowra can you teach me a thing or two?

AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER:

In '44, caught a train
had no idea where I was goin'
sent to Cowra
so much pain, lay in front of me
Took a trip, to this town
one-eighty (180) miles from Sydney
no holiday
this turned out to be

CHORUS (AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER):

Cowra what's so special about you
Cowra, can you teach me a thing or two!

BRIDGE (ABORIGINAL MAN):

Hear the wind
through the trees
calls my name
on the breeze
Feel the sun
on my skin
reviving me
outside in

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River bends
water flows
family's here
fire glows
Grasses sway
grounded here
connection sends
away fear

CHORUS (ALL):

Cowra what's so special about you?
Cowra can you teach me a thing or two?

TEEN GIRL:

Speaking of two, It's 2 o'clock
what time does it start to rock
around here, and do you
have Uber Eats?

AUSTRALIAN SOLIDER:

It's quiet now, but quieter then
in '44 in Cowra
'cept in the Camp, when I walked
on those streets

CHORUS (ALL):

Cowra what's so special about you?
Cowra can you teach me a thing or two?

SUNG IN PARTS:

There are stories to be told
(of lives gone before us)

There are lessons to be learned
(of lives lived among us)

There is wisdom to be heard
(of lives lived within us)

Together:

When we listen to their words

CHORUS (ALL):

'Cowra what's so special about you?
Cowra can you teach me a thing or two?'

Cowra from Intertwined
Lyrics

ALL:

Stories

Lessons

Wisdom

Listen

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*This History from Intertwined
Lyrics*

This history
is a mystery
shall we hide our face
/in disgrace
shall we ignore
what happened before
or shall we stop for a moment to reflect and pause?

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*Walking Down the Street (hip hop) from Intertwined
Lyrics*

ABORIGINAL MAN:

Walking down the street
feeling just fine
got a million little things
running through my mind
gotta make enough dough
to pay all these bills
gotta keep close to country
to these here hills
everywhere I look
everywhere I turn
there's so much history
so much to learn
gotta know my people
know my place

(SPOKEN) ABORIGINAL MAN:

Sorry, sorry I know you wanna get this done, but I really think we need to rewrite that part.
Why? Cause saying, 'gotta know my place' is a bit triggering to be honest.
Can we say, 'gotta know my people, celebrate our race' instead?
Yeah, ok, cool let's take it from the top.

ABORIGINAL MAN:

Walking down the street
feeling just fine
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to these here hills
everywhere I look
everywhere I turn
there's so much history
so much to learn
gotta know my people
celebrate our race
learn our language
gotta know about place

(SPOKEN) ABORIGINAL MAN:

Yeah sorry. Cut, cut. Can we just take a break please? I just don't think hip hop really suits me you know? Look, I get this is important but I feel you're making me into a stereotype. You know, not all black kids like hip hop – some of us like country or Elvis 'thank you very much'.
Can't I just be myself?

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Walking Down the Street from Intertwined
Lyrics

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*Afraid of The Dark from Intertwined
Lyrics*

Verse 1:

Hello? Can you see me?
I'm afraid of the dark
Walking and thinking:
it's what I do these days to mark
these moments, these times
to help me make sense of my life
Hello can you see me?
I'm afraid of the dark

Verse 2:

Hello? Can you hear me?
I don't know the words to use
Searching and sinking:
why do I have to choose
these moments, these times
to help me make sense of my life?
Hello can you hear me? I'm afraid of the dark

Bridge:

The dark has grown inside of me
I try to fight it away
Life is so serious
I've forgotten how to play
I want to be at peace again
I want to find a way
I need to hold out for a new day

Verse 3:

Hello? Can you feel me?
Here I am, I'm still here
Holding and waiting:
will I disappear
in these moments
these times:
help me make sense of my life
Hello can you hear me?
Hello can you see me?
Hello can you feel me here?
Don't want to be afraid of the dark

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*Hide and Run from Intertwined
Lyrics*

AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER:

Hide and run
Light the flare
Sound the gun
Be aware
Make your peace
Say your prayer
Bullets fly
Through the air
Peace to seek
History shared
Acknowledging
What is fair
Peace is sought
Peace is rare
Peace is lived
/Fight or hide

ABORIGINAL MAN:

Fight for life
Fight to win
Fight for nation's pride
Fight for you
Fight for me
Fight for your side
Fight for country
Fight for us
Fight to turn the tide
Fight for place
Fight for peace
Fight or hide

AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER/ENSEMBLE LOWS:

Hide and run
Light the flare
Sound the gun
Be aware
Make your peace
Say your prayer
Bullets fly
Through the air

ENSEMBLE MIDS:

Fight for life, fight to win
Fight for nation's pride
Fight for you, fight for me
Fight for your side
Fight for country, fight for us
Fight to turn the tide
Fight for place, fight for peace
Fight or hide

AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER/ENSEMBLE LOWS:

Peace to seek
History shared
Acknowledging
What is fair
Peace is sought
Peace is rare
Peace is lived
Fight or hide

ENSEMBLE MIDS & HIGHS:

Fight for life, fight to win
Fight for nation's pride
Fight for you, fight for me
Fight for your side
Fight for country, fight for us
Fight to turn the tide
Fight for place, fight for peace
Fight or hide

Hide and Run from Intertwined
Lyrics

Dialogue:

AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER:

STOP! STOP! There was definitely fighting and hiding – yes but there was more than that. Every day – every day there was – FEAR. Every damn day.

TEEN GIRL:

Fear of what?

AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER: *(spoken)*

Fear of what?

fear of death

Fear of the unknown

And it all coexisted at the same time – the FEAR AND THE FIGHT!

AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER:

Fear of what, fear of death

Fear of the unknown

Fear of feeling, fear of speaking

Fear of feeling all alone

Fear of fighting, fear of crying

Fear of not returning home

Fear of sadness, fear of gladness

Fear of muscle and bone

TEEN GIRL:

Fight for life, fight to win

Fight for nation's pride

Fight for you, fight for me

Fight for your side

Fight for country, fight for us

Fight to turn the tide

Fight for place, fight for peace

Fight or hide

ALL:

Peace to seek

History shared

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Pieces of Peace from *Intertwined*
Lyrics

Verse

Pieces of peace
lay shattered at my feet
pick up the fragments
broken on the ground
Pieces of peace
I extend to those I meet
lay down my arms and
rest in the shadows

CHORUS

Peace be with you
peace be for you
peace become your mission now.
Peace within you
peace be near you
peace become your mission now.
Kindness trumps fear
peace be yours this day.
Compassion trumps fear
peace is the way

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*What If from Intertwined
Lyrics*

TEEN GIRL:

What if I felt more alive
What if I didn't have to try
What if I didn't feel so alone inside?*

ABORIGINAL MAN:

What if I was born white
What if I didn't have to fight
What if I didn't live in a state of flight?

AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER:

Never had to raise my gun
What if I could be a young man of fun?

TEEN GIRL:

What if her life didn't end?

ABORIGINAL MAN:

Why does my life offend?

AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER:

What if he wasn't my foe but my friend?

CHORUS (ALL):

What ifs are ways of
Playing a different game
Of wondering if life could go another way
What ifs are ways of
Not staying the same
Of wondering if life could go another way

TEEN GIRL:

What if I could stand tall
And not worry at all
What if I didn't have to fear I'd fall

ABORIGINAL MAN:

What if I was seen as a man
And people could just understand
My connection to my people and land?

AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER:

What if this world had peace
Would all the fighting cease?
And all the prisoners be released?

TEEN GIRL:

What if I wasn't stuck in one place?

*What If from Intertwined
Lyrics*

ABORIGINAL MAN:

What if it wasn't always about race?

AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER:

What if peace could rule in our hearts in this place?

CHORUS (ALL):

What ifs are ways of
Playing a different game
Of wondering if life could go another way
What ifs are ways of
Not staying the same
Of wondering if life could go another way
Go another way

Bridge

ENSEMBLE A:

What if we do nothing

ENSEMBLE B:

It isn't the option here

ENSEMBLE A:

What if we stand still--

ENSEMBLE B:

It won't disappear

ENSEMBLE A:

What if we walk instead

ENSEMBLE B:

In the light of peace and light?

COMPANY:

And not let hatred win this fight?

CHORUS (ALL):

What ifs are ways of
Playing a different game
Of wondering if life could go another way
What ifs are ways of
Not staying the same
Of wondering if life could go another way

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*The Bell Rings from Intertwined
Lyrics*

ENSEMBLE:
The bell rings

TEEN GIRL:
The start of school

ENSEMBLE:
The bell sings

TEEN GIRL:
The day's begun

ENSEMBLE & TEEN GIRL:
The bell

ENSEMBLE:
Let's us know the time has come

ENSEMBLE:
The bell rings

ABORIGINAL MAN:
No managers rule

ENSEMBLE:
The bell sings

ABORIGINAL MAN:
We live under the sun

ALL:
The bell

ENSEMBLE:
Let's us know the time has come

ENSEMBLE:
The time has come

TEEN GIRL:
I miss you now

ENSEMBLE & AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER:
The bell rings

Aboriginal Man:
Caught between two worlds

Ensemble Mids & Australian Solider & Aboriginal Man & Teen Girl:
Tonight, tonight,

*The Bell Rings from Intertwined
Lyrics*

Ensemble Lows, Ensemble Mids & Australian Soldier & Aboriginal Man & Teen Girl:
the time has come

Ensemble Mids:
The time is now

Teen Girl:
I miss you now

Aboriginal Man:
I'm holding on, being strong

Australian Soldier:
No more fight, no more fight

Ensemble Mids, Ensemble Highs & Australian Soldier & Aboriginal Man:
The time has come

Australian Soldier:
Understanding

Teen Girl:
Shoulda been kinder

Ensemble Mids & Lows & Highs:
I forgive you

Aboriginal Man:
Raised in Cowra

Teen Girl:
Not disappearing

Australian Soldier:
Shoulda been wiser

Ensemble Mids & Lows & Highs:
I forgive you

Aboriginal Man:
For this trauma

Australian Soldier:
Respecting

Aboriginal Man:
Lives before us

*The Bell Rings from Intertwined
Lyrics*

Ensemble Mids & Lows & Highs:

I forgive you

Teen Girl:

Come walk with us

Aboriginal Man:

Reflecting

Australian Soldier:

No longer enemies

Teen Girl:

I forgive you

Ensemble Mids:

Let's talk about it

Ensemble Lows & Highs:

Oooooh Oooooh

Ensemble Mids:

The bell rings

Teen Girl:

The end of school

Ensemble Mids:

The bell sings

Ensemble Mids:

The day is done

Teen Girl & Aboriginal Man & Australian Soldier*:

The bell

All:

Let's us know the time has come

Teen Girl & Aboriginal Man & Australian Soldier*:

The bell

All:

Let's us know the time has come

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*The Bell Rings from Intertwined
Lyrics*

Finale from Intertwined
Lyrics

CHORUS (ALL):

Send away the shame
Let the lessons stay
We're gonna rise up
Not play the blame game
It's a new day
We're gonna do it our way
We're gonna rise up
Let the Cowra memories stay
Let the Cowra memories stay

Verse 1

TEEN GIRL:

Tomorrow is a new day
I have learned to face my pain
I am not afraid
Of the dark anymore
I have opened up the door
And inside of me I will not store
Hatred of my brothers
As my enemies

Bridge

ABORIGINAL MAN:

Hear the wind
(Peace is flowing...)
Through the trees
(...like a river...)
Calls my name
(...flowing out for...)
On the breeze
(...you and me...)

Verse 2

AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER:

So we came here to Cowra
Turned out to be a place of power
Where my once enemies I learned to see as friends
Because hatred paid no dividends
And if you take just one thing away from this

ABORIGINAL MAN AND AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER:

Know that we're still here and we're not less

AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER:

Life's too short, don't live full of regret
Lest we forget, lest we forget, lest we forget, lest we forget

Finale from Intertwined
Lyrics

CHORUS (ALL):

Send away the shame
Let the lessons stay
We're gonna rise up
Not play the blame game
It's a new day
We're gonna do it our way
We're gonna rise up
Let the Cowra memories stay
Let the Cowra memories stay

Verse 3

ALL:

Fight for life
Fight to win
Fight for nation's pride
Fight for you
Fight for me
Fight for your side
Fight for country
Fight for us
Fight to turn the tide
Fight for place
Fight for peace
Fight or hide

ALL:

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Fight or hide

(SPOKEN): TEEN GIRL, AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER & ABORIGINAL MAN:

No more what ifs
Start from today
Change your mindset
Change your ways
No more shame
No more silence
No more hatred
No more violence

Finale from Intertwined
Lyrics

CHORUS (ALL):

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