

THE RAINBOW FIELDS DIGGER SONG

In 1984 a group of greens and new age travellers occupied USAF Molesworth for nearly six months. It ended with their eviction, by 3500 troops and police on the full moon night of February 5th 1985. The occupation, organised by the Green Collective, began under cover of an illegal Green Gathering, on August Bank Holiday 1984.

The following song is an adaptation, by Brig Oubridge, of an old Digger Song which commemorated the St. George's Hill land squat in 1664/1649 or 1645.

In 1984 to Rainbow Fields
A Ragged Band of New Age Diggers came
The Spirit never yields
They defied the military, they defied the law
They stood for peace just like the diggers did before.

While in Ethiopia the starving died
The Generals planned to make this land
A base for Genocide
600 acres they planned to waste
So they could build another Greenham in its place

We don't want missiles, we don't need Cruise
We'd use this land to feed the hungry
If we had the power to choose
We had a Vision, it made us feel
We couldn't leave until we'd made that vision real

We built our dwellings at Rainbow Fields
We planted wheat, we planted trees
With all the power that Vision wields
A Rainbow Village we did create
A fragile flower to stand against the nuclear state

But down in Whitehall they made a plan
They sent in Michael Hesselstine
Dressed like an Action Man
In his flak jacket he looked so manly
Behind more troops than they used to take Port Stanley

But though our village was driven out
It was our peaceful way which won the day
Of that we have no doubt.
Though they have fenced the fields we tilled
We know the Vision and the Spirit can't be killed.