

Talkin' Takao Mountain Massacre Blues

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Time 4/4 — Key G — Harmonica G — No capo

INTRO: G C D G

1. G C
Well, here it is 1992

D
And I'll tell you what they want to do

G C
They wanna build a tunnel right through this mountain

D
For how many cars there ain't no countin'

(Spoken) D
City slicker tourists

D
Come out to the country

D
Hopin' to see a bit of nature

D G C D G
Only problem is there won't be any nature left then

2. The politicians says this is tunnel's for us
So we can drive cars instead of taking the bus
The government takes our money in taxes
Then the crews come in with their dozers and axes
These tress will be cut down!
This mountain will be destroyed!
The tunnel must go through!
—All in the name of the people

3. But who's gonna benefit it's plain to see
And who's gonna lose except you and me
The big corporations make piles of money
While the politicians smile and think it's funny
Destroying nature is big busines!
The rich get more profits!
Helps the national GNP!
Who gives a damn if there ain't no mountains left?

4. Well, I come to the end, I hope I made it clear
That we're the folks who are living here
It's up to us 'cause the big wigs don't care
Who drinks this water, who breathes this air.
We gotta stick together
Protect this mountain
Put all our arms around it and give it a big hug.

CODA: Harmonica solo: G C D G
G C D G
G G C G
G C D G

(Written in opposition to the construction of a tunnel through Mt. Takao in western Tokyo as part of the Ken-o-do Expressway. The protests were ultimately a failure.)