

WOMEN'S PENTAGON ACTION SONG

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We carried cardboard tombstones, right there to the Pentagon,
We were two thousand women, speaking truth to war.
It was November, 1980.
We were doing something never done before. Never done before.
With arms outstretched, we stood for millions.
What this place does must be undone.
This is a factory of world poverty.
The Earth called us here and we had to come. Oh, yes, we had to come.

*CHORUS: We are the earth. We say no more war.
We keep faith with the people who lived before.
We shine a light for all to see.
We come alive in solidarity...in solidarity.*

*There's a sacred power, rising from the earth.
There's a faithful power joining those who came before.
There's an ancient power that moves in us today.
How can we circle once more? How can we circle once more?*

We wove a web of yarn lacing up the front gate.
In that moment, war was defied.
And every time, bolt-cutters broke the yarn,
women grabbed the ends and they were retied.
They cut the web, but we kept reweaving.
The door was blocked, and none could cross.
Women for life on earth. We are shouting
We are ancient spiders restoring what was lost.
Oh. yes. we're ancient spiders restoring what was lost.

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The Pentagon spans a mile around
and on that freezing day in the clear sun.
Runners shout -- we have surrounded it.
We claim the victory we have won.
That military star is now undone.

This circle lives every time you see it.
This circle joins the work world-wide.
We claim the circles we keep on building.
We reweave the web, and we turn the tide.
Oh, yes, we turn the tide.

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for Life on Earth in solidarity.*