

Wildlife Action Plan (Video transcript)

[Music]

One, two...
Well, I feel like a stranger in my own hometown
There's traffic in the air where there used to be the sound
Of tall trees growin' and kids runnin' wild
Or maybe I was lookin' through the eyes of a child
Oh, I swear

Well, there used to be
Hills and hollers here
Wild turkey and the white-tailed deer
Creeks runnin' crystal clear
Clean water all the way to the Gulf of Mexico
Moonshine on the mountain top
Daddy sawin' fiddle like he never gonna stop
Lord, if these hills could talk
They'd say sing me a song that goes...
Mama leave your light on
Shine like the sun on the shadows of history

Well they laid the first paved road back in '45
Oh, but now you gotta have wheels if you're gonna survive

Black top over gravel
Gravel over mud
Just when did the oil in our veins get thicker than the blood?

Whoa, I swear...

Well there used to be
Hills and hollers here
Bobwhites and the whippoorwills
Wetlands runnin' all the way on down the Rappahannock to the Chesapeake Bay
Moonshine on the mountain top
Daddy sawin' fiddle like he never gonna stop
Lord if these hills could talk
They'd say sing me a song that goes...

Sweet mama leave your light on
Shine like the sun on the shadows of history

Adrienne Young: Hi, my name is Adrienne Young. You know, with the modern life crowding in on us from all directions, we need relief from it now and then. The natural world, in all of its simple beauty and incredible diversity, offers us just such a sanctuary. Visiting a green setting -- be it your backyard, a neighborhood park, the bay, or the mountains, even for a short while -- calms and sustains us. Having these places in our lives is vital to our peace of mind.



Going back to a quiet spot, full of life, feels like going home - because it *is* home. But today's Virginia is a state of contrasts. Undeveloped land, the birds, flora, fauna, and animals historically known and loved by your parents, and their parents before them are now hard to find.

When less than the best management practices are used in farming, mining, or lumbering, and especially combined with poor land use planning, or just sheer overdevelopment, the harmful effects are felt in our state's wildlife habitat and water quality. Rapid loss of wildlife habitat costs us not just numbers of animals, but can cost us entire species. These are losses we can't get back.

And if we're careless enough, humans can alter the environment permanently, ultimately impacting the health and quality of life for every single creature on this planet.

If you care enough that you *want* to help wildlife, but just don't know how, here's some good news: Virginia has a plan that takes into account all the state's wild animals, not just a few of them.

Working together, biologists, sportsmen, conservationists, and members of your community have crafted the Virginia Wildlife Action Plan. *But*, we need your participation to make it work. Think you can't make a difference? Well you *can*! Be wild and get involved for clean air and clean water. Work together with your government officials to make everyone in Virginia aware that wildlife habitat and remaining natural areas need our help.

Join our team!

[Music]

I said there's gonna be hills and hollers here...
Bobwhites and the whippoorwills
Wetlands runnin' all the way down the Rappahannock to the Chesapeake Bay
Moonshine on the mountain top
Now daddy get your fiddle and don't ever, ever stop

Baby if these hills could talk
They'd say sing me a song that goes

Oh, sweet mama leave your light on
Shine like the sun on the shadows of history
Well there used to be
Hills and hollers here
Can't you see those
Hills and hollers here...
Can't you see those
Hills and hollers here
Yes, there's gonna be

Hills and hollers here
Shine like the sun on the shadows of history

