

## OZZY OZONE – Dialogue of the UNEP film

### ALBERTA

There was a time when the warm glow of morning filled this old body of mine with joy. But now, the sight of each new dawn just fills me with concern.



### ALBERTA

The sun is a cauldron of blazing-hot gases. For more than four and a half billion years - the sun's heat has kept us alive.

But along with that warmth there lurks a hidden danger -  
Deadly Ultra Violet Rays that harm all life on our planet.

We're protected by a brave little band of defenders at the very edge of space -

- The ozone molecules that make up our planet's Ozone Layer.

Despite their tiny size, our Ozone Defenders are amazingly strong - and smart! They let in the sun's life-giving warmth while keeping out the deadly UV.

And things might have gone on this way forever ... were it not for the deadly CFC's.

Chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs, are the chemicals that cool our air conditioners and refrigerators.

CFC's are safe inside their machines, but once they escape, they begin a 25-year journey up to the top of the atmosphere where they attack the Ozone layer without mercy.

And once the Ozone molecules have to fight the UVs *and* the CFCs it's just a matter of time until the Ozone Layer weakens - and breaks!

Ozzy is sent spinning down towards the ground far below.

OZZY OZONE  
NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!

Wha-?

Alberta snatches OZZY out of the air, and cradles him protectively beneath her wing as he looks up at her with big wide eyes.

OZZY OZONE  
Who - who are you?

ALBERTA  
Alberta Albatross, my little friend. And who might you be?

Ozzy Ozone. Pleased to meet you, Ma'am. But tell me, please - what above Earth is going on?

Why don't I show you?

Alberta pulls out of her dive and cruises over an industrial area.

ALBERTA  
The chemicals that attacked you are CFCs. They've been used in Earth's machines for over fifty years and are quite safe until they are let out.

When the developed nations realized these chemicals were dangerous, they replaced them with new "ozone friendly" products. But some countries, like this one, still cling to the bad old ways.

Pesticides like Methyl Bromide can be just as dangerous. And industries aren't the only ones to blame.

The Polluter carries an old refrigerator in the bucket of his TRACTOR. When he reaches a pile of discarded appliances, The Polluter nonchalantly drops the fridge on top, then uses his bucket to SMASH it to pieces.

OZZY & ALBERTA

NO!

A cute littleboy named sits nearby, laughing at The Polluter's destruction. Ozzy is shocked and turns to Alberta.

OZZY OZONE

Oh, this is terrible. We must stop them, Alberta.

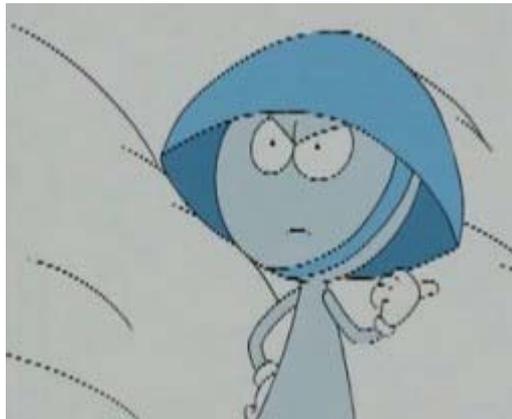
ALBERTA

... We can try.

Alberta lands alongside The Polluter's Tractor and the man checks in surprise at the sight of the big bird.

OZZY OZONE

Excuse me, sir. Sir - over here.



The Polluter and The Child stare - because they can plainly see The Albatross isn't talking.

OZZY OZONE (CONT'D)

Sorry to bother you, but do you realize you're releasing dangerous chemicals when you break those old Refrigerators?

Those molecules you release go up into the sky and cause trouble for all of us - so would you please not do that again?

Once he realizes he's being addressed by a molecule, the Polluter makes a dismissive PFFFT, throws his drink can at the Albatross to drive her away, then heads off to a nearby deckchair. But as Alberta lifts off, Ozzy hears a sound that horrifies him.

OZZY OZONE  
U.V. Warriors - Coming down!

Alberta reacts in shock as the CHARGING wave of little creatures spot The Polluter - and The Child!

OZZY OZONE  
We have to do something.

Alberta nods her agreement, dives down and spreads her wings over The Child as the UV Warriors attack. The Child is confused and a little scared, so Ozzy quickly reassures him.

OZZY OZONE  
Please don't be afraid. We only want to protect you.

The Child nods as Alberta leads him towards a large shade tree.

Once The Child is out of reach, the frustrated UV Warriors turn all their attention on The Polluter. He lies snoozing on a ratty old deck chair - hand across his belly. The UV warriors grin darkly and CHARGE towards his sleeping form.

As wave after wave of the tiny UV Warriors slam into The Polluter, the sleeping man's body turns from Brown - to Red - to Dark Red.

The Polluter stirs, looks around curiously, then lifts his hand and sees a white outline surrounded by flaming red skin.

The Polluter screams, jumps up from the deck chair and looks for something to soothe his sunburn. He spots a fire extinguisher, picks it up and prepares to "put himself out."  
Alberta sees what's coming and yells out a warning -

ALBERTA  
NO, DON'T!

- but The Polluter dismisses the Albatross with another derisive PFFFT, pulls the handle and blasts himself. As he does, even more WHOOP/LAUGHING molecules rise into the atmosphere.

Alberta looks down at a curious Ozzy and explains.

Some fire extinguishers use Halon molecules that also attack the Ozone Layer.

The Child looks curiously at The Polluter's sunburn.

OZZY OZONE  
He got that nasty burn because chemicals like the ones he just released are destroying the protective ozone layer we've created at the top of the sky.

And it's not just sunburns we're trying to prevent.  
UV rays wrinkle your skin and make you look  
much older.

They cause cataracts on your eyes that can lead to  
blindness.

And they can weaken the body's natural resistance  
to disease.

Even worse, while your bodies are growing, little  
ones like you are particularly in danger. Because  
UV damage now could give you cancer later on.

The Child looks alarmed, so Ozzy quickly reassures him.

Don't be scared. This is serious business, but  
there *are* ways to defend your self.

#### OZZY OZONE

Protect your skin by covering your arms and legs.  
Wear a hat to protect your face -  
Sunglasses to protect your eyes -  
And sunscreen for the rest.  
Stay inside when the Sun is high.  
Always try to stay in the shade.



As the big tree they sit under seems to extend its leafy boughs over their heads like a big umbrella,  
Alberta realizes The Polluter is listening – and adds some thoughts of her own.

#### ALBERTA

And ask your parents to make sure their old  
refrigerators & air conditioners are disposed of by

approved technicians; specially trained people  
who won't let the CFC's escape.

OZZY OZONE

It's important. Not just for you, but for *your*  
children! Because even if no more bad chemicals  
are released into the atmosphere - it will take at  
least FIFTY YEARS before we can fully repair  
the Ozone Layer. Will you help us?

When The Child NODS enthusiastically, Ozzy smiles his thanks then turns and looks up at the Albatross.

OZZY OZONE (CONT'D)

And now Alberta – after all I've seen down here,  
I'd like to get back to work.

Alberta nods, lifts Ozzy up onto her back then turns to the Child.

ALBERTA

Be sure to tell your parents, teachers and friends  
about the things you've learned.

OZZY OZONE

And don't forget - boys and girls around the  
world CAN make a difference. Because when it  
comes to protecting the environment, every action  
counts.

The Child nods his agreement then waves as The Albatross takes off and soars off into the bright blue sky.

High overhead Alberta delivers Ozzy back to the Ozone Layer.

OZZY OZONE

Thanks for everything, Alberta.

Ozzy gives the big bird a hug, then jumps off and hurries to fill a hole in the Ozone Layer by linking arms with his Ozone brethren.

ALBERTA

Thank you, Ozzy Ozone.

OZZY OZONE

“Don't forget ... boys and girls around the world  
CAN make a difference. Because when it comes  
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