

Run, Run, the Tree Is Falling

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Chorus:

C **Am** **C**
Run, run, the tree is falling,
C **Am** **G**
Run, run, the chain saw's at his throat!

C **Am**
Once the redwood's gone
C **Am**
It will not come again,
G
It will not be a giant
 C **F**
In the history of men.

(Chorus)

Once the grove is gone,
The living fern and bush,
It will not house the yellow deer,
It will not bear the thrush.

(Chorus)

Once the trees are gone
That drank the heavy rain,
The water-maddened rivers
Will tear the land again.

(Chorus)

Once the forest's gone
That was a friend to man
We'll never have the wilderness
To reach a healing hand.

(Chorus)

Stop the iron teeth
That only know to kill,
That turn the mighty forest
Into corpses at the mill.

(Chorus)