



Pawn was mildly entertained by the Live Earth concert broadcast the other day, but feels special kinship to this reviewer, writing in [The Independent Online](#): And as proceedings kicked off with a heart-pumping drumming display featuring Queen's Roger Taylor, Chad Smith of Red Hot Chili Peppers and Taylor Hawkins of Foo Fighters alongside a chorus of taiko drummers and beeping SOS signals as images of endangered species and crashing glaciers flashed up on the screens, it really felt as though this could be an important call to arms.

Unfortunately, though, that side of things never really worked. There was something fatally incongruous about watching Metallica rock out as tips about loft insulation scrolled above their heads. While many of the acts chose not to acknowledge the cause, it was the succession of mainly low-rent announcers who really let Al Gore down. Actor after actor eschewed learning their lines in favour of casting their eyes down to the autocue and muttering their message, with the result that there was a lack of fervour and unity of purpose all round.

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