What Have We Got? (Sting)

Good people give ear to me story,
Pay attention, and none of you ignore,
For I've brought you some lads and their daddy,
Intending to build ye's a ship.
Man, it's about time to realize
that we are stuck in this all together.
For the sake of our homes on this planet.
It's time to change and (re)arrange.

What have we got, but burning down the forests?

Aye, and what have we got, but the dirty drill for oil?

And what have we got, but the cranes above us soaring?

We take and take, (but) what do we give? Ignoring the fact, we need to live.

What have we got, but polluting soils and water?
Tell me, what have we got, but fishing the oceans without care?
Oh, what have we got, but the piling up of waste?
We think we are invincible, but in fact we are not!

(2x) What do ye got? (What do we got?)
What do ye got? (What do we got?)
You've got nowt. We've got nowt else.

What have ye got, but the singing in the classrooms?
Oh, what have ye got, but happy moments here and there?
Aye, what have ye got, but expectations for the future?
And the memories of the past, when we were glad and didn't care.

(2x) What do ye got? (What do we got?)
What do ye got? (What do we got?)
You've got nowt. We've got nowt else.

Yes, we have to die of something, It is written in our fate, Who are we, that we rob the earth, and act against nature until it's too late.

What have ye got, all you men what's fit and able?
What have ye got, for the straining in your neck?
What have ye got, when you're laid out on the table?
It's too bad we can't turn back the clock, but we can make a choice.

What have ye got, but our one and only planet? What have ye got, but this union of our homes? What have ye got, a bacon sandwich from your mother? Not a promise of another as there is no Planet B.

(3x) What do ye got? (What do we got?)
What do ye got? (What do we got?)
You've got nowt. We've got nowt else.