

# Buffy Sainte-Marie, The Universal Soldier

He's five feet two and he's six feet four  
He fights with missiles and with spears  
He's all of 31 and he's only 17  
He's been a soldier for a thousand years

He's a Catholic, a Hindu, an atheist, a Jain,  
a Buddhist and a Baptist and a Jew  
and he knows he shouldn't kill  
and he knows he always will  
kill you for me my friend and me for you

And he's fighting for Canada,  
he's fighting for France,  
he's fighting for the USA,  
and he's fighting for the Russians  
and he's fighting for Japan,  
and he thinks we'll put an end to war this way

And he's fighting for Democracy  
and fighting for the Reds  
He says it's for the peace of all  
He's the one who must decide  
who's to live and who's to die  
and he never sees the writing on the walls

But without him how would Hitler have  
condemned him at Dachau  
Without him Caesar would have stood alone  
He's the one who gives his body  
as a weapon to a war  
and without him all this killing can't go on

He's the universal soldier and he  
really is to blame  
His orders come from far away no more  
They come from him, and you, and me  
and brothers can't you see  
this is not the way we put an end to war.