

Lay Down Your Guns

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Intro and break between verses: D // D // D // D // $\frac{3}{4}$ time, strong rhythm

You fire the rockets, and you drop the bombs,
and they fly with a shriek through the air.

D G D
Bm G D
G D G D

But nobody told you, or else you forgot
that there's women and children down there.

Bm C (G)

There's old men with wisdom, and young girls who dance,
and there's children at play with their toys.

D G D

And you'd know in your heart, if you gave them a chance,
they're the same as your own girls and boys.

Bm G D

G D G D

Bm C (G)

So lay down your guns, won't you lay down your guns
lay down your guns and come home.

D G D

Bm G D

You won't have nightmares for the rest of your life
if you lay down your guns and come home.

G D G D

Bm C (G)

verse break

To all of the rich men, with their kids safe at home,
who say to be brave and be strong,
their words ring false with your ass on the line,
and your feeling that somethings gone wrong.

D G D

Bm G D

G D G D

Bm C (G)

They send you to battle far over the sea,
and you bleed in the dry desert soil.

D G D

Bm G D

They tell you you're fighting for democracy,
but you know that it's only for oil.

G D G D

Bm C (G)

So lay down your guns, I say lay down your guns,
lay down your guns and come home.

D G D

Bm G D

Tell the rich men to fight if there's something they want,
you'll just lay down your guns and come home.

G D G D

Bm C (G)

verse break

And to the kings and the princes from their towers on high,
who cheer while you burn and you kill,
say you have the vision to see through their lies.

D G D

Bm G D

G D G D

They can't force you against your own will.

Bm C (G)

Remember the dead were just people like you,
and the victims are always the poor.

D G D

Bm G D

Ask yourself what you would say to your kid
when he asks, "who'd you kill in the war."

G D G D

Bm C (G)

Say you laid down your gun, you just laid down your gun,
You laid down your gun and came home.

D G D

Bm G D

Here's something you, proudly, could say to your son.

G D G D

"I just laid down my gun and came home.

Bm C (G)

So lay down your guns, won't you lay down your guns,
lay down your guns and come home,

D G D

Bm G D

You won't have to lie to your wife and your kids,
if you'll lay down your guns and come home.

G D G D

Bm G D