

The Universal Soldier

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This song was written by Buffy Sainte-Marie in Toronto at the time there were debates as to whether or not Canada should accept nuclear warheads from the United States. It appears on her Vanguard album, It's My Way! (VRS-9142).

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a common time signature (C). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 104. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "He's five foot two and he's six feet four. He fights with mis-siles and with spears. He's all of thir-ty one and he's on - ly sev - en teen. He's been a sol - dier for a thou - sand years." The chords indicated above the notes are D, E, A, F#m, D, E, A, C#m, F#m, D, (Bm), and E.

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 U.S.A.,
 And he's fighting for the Russians and he's fighting for Japan,
 And he thinks we'll put an end to war that way.

And he's fighting for democracy, he's fighting for the Reds,
 He's 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 wall.
 But without him how could Hitler have condemned him at Dachau,
 Without him Caesar would have stood alone,
 He's the one who gives his body as a weapon of the 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.