

# Universal Soldier

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He's five foot two and he's six feet four  
He fights with missiles and with spears  
He's all of thirty-one and he's only seventeen  
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 my friend for me and me for you

And he's fighting for Canada, he's fighting for France  
He's fighting for the U.S.A.  
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, he's 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 wall

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 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 it's all too plain to see  
This is not the way to put the end to war