

Universal Soldier

Words & Music:
Buffy St. Marie

 C G F Am
He's five-foot-two, and he's six-foot-four.
 C G C
He fights with missiles and with spears.
 C G Dm Am
He's all of thirty-one and he's only seventeen.
 F G
He's been a soldier for a thousand years.

 C G F Am
He's a Catholic, a Hindu, and Atheist, a Jain,
 C G C
A Buddhist, a Baptist, and a Jew.
 C G Dm Am
He knows he shouldn't kill, but he knows he always will
 F G
Kill you for me, my friend, and me for you.

He's fighting for Canada, he's fighting for France,
He's fighting the U.S.A.
He's fighting for the Russians, and he's fighting for Japan,
And he thinks he'll put an end to war this way.

He's fighting for democracy, he's fighting for the Reds,
He says it's peace for 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.

Without him how could Hitler have condemned them 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 to put an end to war.