

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

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ONCE A GOOD MAN STOOD ON A MOUNTAIN SIDE
IN A TIME AND COUNTRY FAR AWAY
AND HE SPOKE THESE WORDS ABOUT MEN OF PEACE
THEY WERE TRUE IN HIS TIME
AND TRUE TODAY:
THEY WILL BE GOD'S CHILDREN, THOSE WHO STRIVE
TO HEAL DIVISION AND BANISH STRIFE
BUT PEACE WITHOUT JUSTICE IS AN EMPTY THING
HEAVEN'S LOVE ALONE / BRINGS PEACE TO LIFE

**OH PEACEMAKERS
BLESSED ARE YOU!**

ONCE I FELL ASLEEP AND IN MY DREAM
I WAS STANDING ON A BATTLEFIELD
"YOU SEE VALLEY FORGE," A VOICE EXPLAINED
"WHERE MEN OF PEACE REFUSED TO YIELD:
THEY GAVE THEIR ALL TO SEE FREEDOM'S LIGHT
IN A NEW REPUBLIC BROUGHT TO BIRTH
IN A LAND WHERE LAWS WILL BE MADE BY MEN
WHO WILL BEND A KNEE TO NONE ON EARTH"

NOW MY DAD WAS BORN ON AN UPSTATE FARM
LED AN AVERAGE LIFE UP TO AGE EIGHTEEN
TILL THAT DAY IN DECEMBER FORTY-ONE
WHEN HE WENT TO SERVE AS A PROUD MARINE
BUT HE NEVER SPOKE OF HIS FIGHTING DAYS
OR THE MEDALS FORGOTTEN IN A DRAWER
"WHAT MY COUNTRY ASKED I DID MY BEST TO DO
BUT I HATED EVERY DAY OF WAR!"

YOU KNOW TIME AND AGAIN WE'VE BEEN CALLED UPON
TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT AND TAKE A STAND
WHEN WE WITNESS THE EVIL THAT MEN CAN DO
HERE AT HOME OR IN SOME DISTANT LAND
WHEN HATE, NOT LOVE, CONTRIVES TO RULE
AND THE INNOCENT SUFFER IN SILENT PAIN
DO WE SIT AND WATCH, OR RESOLVE TO FIGHT
AS THE DARKNESS GATHERS STRENGTH AGAIN?

BUT THE POWERS OF DARKNESS WILL NEVER REST
IF YOU DOUBT MY WORDS, ONLY LOOK AROUND
TRUE PEACE AND JUSTICE ARE FRAGILE THINGS
IN A WORLD WHERE SELFISHNESS ABOUNDS
BUT THE HEROES ARE NEVER THOSE WHO RUN
OR WHO KNEEL TO KISS THE TYRANT'S HAND
NO, THE HEROES MAKE ANY SACRIFICE
THAT PEACE AND JUSTICE MAY DEMAND:

*OH PEACEMAKERS
BLESSED ARE YOU!*