

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

ONCE A [D] GOOD MAN [Bm] STOOD ON A [G] MOUNTAIN [D] SIDE
IN A [G] TIME AND COUNTRY [Em] FAR A- [A] WAY
AND HE [D] SPOKE THESE [Bm] WORDS ABOUT [G] MEN OF [D] PEACE
THEY WERE [G] TRUE IN HIS TIME
AND [A] TRUE TO- [D] DAY:
THEY WILL [Bm] BE GOD'S CHILDREN, [F#] THOSE WHO STRIVE
TO [G] HEAL DI- [D] VISION AND [A] BANISH [D] STRIFE
[F#] BUT [Bm] PEACE WITHOUT JUSTICE IS AN [F#] EMPTY THING
HEAVEN'S [Bm] LOVE A- [G] LONE BRINGS [A] PEACE TO [F#] LIFE

(after each verse)

OH [Bm] PEACEMAKERS, [A] BLESSED ARE [G-Bm] YOU!

ONCE I [D] FELL A- [Bm] SLEEP AND [G] IN MY [D] DREAM
I WAS [G] STANDING ON A [Em] BATTLE- [A] FIELD
"YOU SEE [D] VALLEY [Bm] FORGE," A [G] VOICE EX- [D] PLAINED
"WHERE [G] MEN OF PEACE RE- [A] FUSED TO [D] YIELD:
THEY [Bm] GAVE THEIR ALL TO SEE [F#] FREEDOM'S DREAM
IN A [G] NEW RE- [D] PUBLIC [A] BROUGHT TO [D] BIRTH
IN A [Bm] LAND WHERE LAWS WILL BE [F#] MADE BY MEN
WHO WILL [Bm] BEND A [G] KNEE TO [A] NONE ON [F#] 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 SEE 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 POWER OF DARKNESS WILL NEVER REST
- IF YOU DOUBT MY WORDS, ONLY LOOK AROUND
TRUE PEACE, TRUE 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!

