

Universal Soldier

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D *E* *A* *F#m*
He's five foot two and he's six feet four
D *E* *A* *A7*
He fights with missiles and with spears
D *E* *A* *F#m*
He's all of thirty-one and he's only seventeen
D *Bm* *E* *E*
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

D *E* *A* *F#m*
He's the universal soldier and he really is to blame
D *E* *A* *A7*
His orders come from far away no more
D *E* *A* *F#m*
They come from him and you and me and it's all too plain to see
D *Bm* *E* *E*
This is not the way to put the end to war