LET US BEGIN
Words & Music by John Denver from One World (1986)

G
I AM A SON OF A GRASSLAND FARMER
C
WESTERN OKLAHOMA NINETEEN FORTY THREE
G
I ALWAYS FELT GRATEFUL TO LIVE IN THE LAND OF THE FREE
C
I GAVE UP MY FATHER TO SOUTH KOREA
G
THE MIND OF MY BROTHER TO VIETNAM
C
NOW THERE'S A BANKER WHO SAYS I MUST GIVE UP MY LAND
G
THERE ARE FOUR GENERATIONS OF BLOOD IN THIS TOPSOIL
C
FOUR GENERATIONS OF LOVE ON THIS FARM
G
BEFORE I GIVE UP I WOULD GLADLY GIVE UP MY RIGHT ARM

Am D G
WHAT ARE WE MAKING WEAPONS FOR
Em C D G
WHY KEEP ON FEEDING THE WAR MACHINE
Am D D7 G
WE TAKE IT RIGHT OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF OUR BABIES
Am D D7 G
TAKE IT AWAY FROM THE HANDS OF THE POOR
C G D G
TELL ME, WHAT ARE WE MAKING WEAPONS FOR

I HAD A SON AND MY SON WAS A SOLDIER
C
HE WAS SO LIKE MY FATHER, HE WAS SO MUCH LIKE ME
G
TO BE A GOOD COMRADE WAS THE BEST THAT HE DREAMED HE COULD BE
C
HE GAVE UP HIS FUTURE TO REVOLUTION

His life to a battle that just can't be won
G
For this is not living, to live at the point of a gun
C
I REMEMBER THE NINE HUNDRED DAYS OF LENINGRAD
G

I REMEMBER THE MOMENTS I PRAYED I WOULD NEVER GROW OLD

Am D G
WHAT ARE WE MAKING WEAPONS FOR

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Em          C           D      G
WHY KEEP ON FEEDING THE WAR MACHINE

Am          D           D7            G
WE TAKE IT RIGHT OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF OUR BABIES

Am          D           D7            G
TAKE IT AWAY FROM THE HANDS OF THE POOR

C           G          D       G
TELL ME, WHAT ARE WE MAKING WEAPONS FOR

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE I FEEL LIKE A PRISONER

C
A SLAVE TO THE WAYS OF THE POWERS THAT BE

G
AND I FEAR FOR MY CHILDREN, AS I FEAR FOR THE FUTURE I SEE

TELL ME HOW CAN IT BE WE'RE STILL FIGHTING EACH OTHER

C
WHAT DOES IT TAKE FOR A PEOPLE TO LEARN

G
IF OUR SONG IS NOT SUNG AS A CHORUS, WE SURELY WILL BURN

Am          D           G
WHAT ARE WE MAKING WEAPONS FOR

Em          C           D      G
WHY KEEP ON FEEDING THE WAR MACHINE

Am          D           D7            G
WE TAKE IT RIGHT OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF OUR BABIES

Am          D           D7            G
TAKE IT AWAY FROM THE HANDS OF THE POOR

C           G          D       G
TELL ME, WHAT ARE WE MAKING WEAPONS FOR

D           G                          D G
HAVE WE FORGOTTEN ALL THE LIVES THAT WERE GIVEN

D G          C       D
ALL THE VOWS THAT WERE TAKEN SAYING NEVER AGAIN

C           Am       G          D       G
NOW FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS COULD BE THE LAST TIME

C           G          D       G
IF PEACE IS OUR VISION  LET US BEGIN

D           G                          D G
HAVE WE FORGOTTEN ALL THE LIVES THAT WERE GIVEN

D G          C       D
ALL THE VOWS THAT WERE TAKEN SAYING NEVER AGAIN

C           Am       G
NOW FOR THE FIRST TIME

D           G
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C           G          D
IF PEACE IS OUR VISION

G      D       G      C      D      G
LET US BEGIN, LET US BEGIN.

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