

Edwin Starr "War"

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(Strong, Whitfield/ Starr)

Edwin Starr (Charles Edwin Hatcher) vocal

Backing male chorus: Stoney and Meat loaf

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(War) h'uh

Yeah!

(What is it good for?)

Absolutely (nothin) uh-huh, uh-huh

(War) h'uh

Yeah!

(What is it good for?)

Absolutely (nothin')

Say it again, y'all

(War) h'uh (h'uh) look out!

(What is it good for?)

Absolutely (nothin')

Listen to me

Ooh war, I despise

'Cause it means destruction of innocent lives

War means tears, to thousands of mother's eyes

When their sons go off to fight and lose their lives

I said, war (h'uh)

Good God, y'all!

(What is it good for?)

Absolutely (nothin') 'gin

Say it, again

(War) whoa (h'uh) whoa-whoa, Lord

(What is it good for?)

Absolutely (nothin')

Listen to me!

(War)

It ain't nothin' but a heartbreaker!
(War)
Friend only to the undertaker
Ooh, war

Is an enemy to all mankind
The thought of war blows my mind
War has caused unrest
Within the younger generation
Induction, then destruction
Who wants to die?

Ooh war, Good God (h'uh) y'all!
(What is it good for?)
Absolutely (nothin')
Say it, say it, say it

(War)
Woah-h'uh (h'uh) yeah uh
(What is it good for?)
(Absolutely) nothin'
Listen to me
(War)

It ain't nothin' but a heartbreaker
(War)
It's got one thing and that's the undertaker
Ooh, war
Has shattered many a-young man's dreams
Made him disabled, bitter, and mean

And life is much too short and precious
To spend fighting wars each day
War can't give life
It can only take it away

Oh, war!
(H'uh) Good God, y'all
(What is it good for?)
Absolutely (nothin')
Say it, again
(War)
Whoa (h'uh) whoa-whoa, Lord
(What is it good for?)
A-absolutely (nothin')
Listen to me!

(War)
It ain't nothin' but a heartbreaker
(War)
Friend only to the undertaker

Woo!
Peace, love and understanding tell me
Is there no place for anything else?

They say we must fight
To keep our freedoms
But Lord, knows there's got to be
A better way

Ooh
(War)
God, y'all! (uh)
(What is it good for?)
You tell 'em! (h'uh)
Say it, say it, say it

(War)
Good God (h'uh) now, h'uh
FADES-
(What is it good for?)
Stand up and shout it
(Nothin'!)
(War)
It ain't nothin' but a heartbreaker
Ooh, war.

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