

# Jackson Browne

## "The Drums Of War"

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Roll out the drums, roll out the drums  
Roll out the drums of war  
Roll out, roll out, roll out the drums  
Roll out the drums of war

Roll out the drums of war  
Roll up the cover of the killing floor  
Roll out the drums of war  
And let's speak of things worth fighting for

Roll out the drums of war  
Roll out the drums of war  
Roll out the drums of war  
Roll out the drums of war

But time comes when everything  
You ever thought you knew  
Comes crashing down and  
Flames rise up in front of you

Roll out the drums, roll out the drums  
Roll out the drums of war  
Roll out, roll out, roll out the drums  
Roll out the drums of war

Roll out the drums of war  
Roll back the freedoms that we struggled for  
What were those freedoms for?  
Let's not talk about it any more

Roll out the drums of war  
Roll out the drums of war  
Roll out the drums of war  
Roll out the drums of war

If you ever want to even out the score  
Whatever you believe the necessary course to be  
Depends on who you trust to identify the enemy

Who beats the drums for war?  
Even before peace is lost  
Who are the profits for?

Who are they who bear the cost  
When a country takes the low road to war?

Who gives the orders, orders to torture?  
Who gets to no bid contract the future?  
Who lies, then bombs, then calls it an error?  
Who makes a fortune from fighting terror?

Who is the enemy, trying to crush us?  
Who is the enemy of truth and justice?  
Who is the enemy of peace and freedom?  
Where are the courts, now when we need them?

Why is impeachment not on the table?  
We better stop them while we are able

Roll out the drums of war  
Roll out the drums of war  
Roll out the drums of war  
Roll out the drums of war  
If you know what your freedom's for  
(Roll out the drums of war)

Whatever you believe, the necessary course to be  
Depends on who you trust to identify the enemy

Who took this country to war  
Long before the peace was lost?  
Who are the profits for?

And who are they who bear the cost  
Who lay down their lives?  
Who will live with the sacrifice  
Of our best and brightest hopes  
The flower of our youth  
Of freedom and the truth?

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