

## John Denver

### "What Are We Making Weapons For"

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I am the son of a grassland farmer  
Western Oklahoma nineteen forty three  
I always felt grateful to live in the land of the free  
I gave up my father to South Korea  
The mind of my brother to Vietnam  
Now theres a banker who says I must give up my land  
There are four generations of blood in this topsoil  
Four generations of love on this farm  
Before I give up I would gladly give up my right arm

What are we making weapons for  
Why keep on feeding the war machine  
We take it right out of the mouths of our babies  
Take it away from the hands of the poor  
Tell me, what are we making weapons for

I had a son and my son was a soldier  
He was so like my father, he was so much like me  
To be a good comrade was the best that he dreamed  
he could be  
He gave up his future to revolution  
His life to a battle that just cant be won  
For this is not living, to live at the point of a gun  
I remember the nine hundred days of Leningrad  
The sound of the dying, the cut of the cold  
I remember the moments I prayed I would never grow  
old

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For the first time in my life I feel like a prisoner  
A slave to the ways of the powers that be  
And I fear for my children, as I fear for the for the  
future I see  
Tell me how can it be were still fighting each other  
What does it take for a people to learn  
If our song is not sung as a chorus, we surely will burn

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