

Joni Mitchell

"One Tin Soldier"

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Listen children to a story that was written long ago
'bout a kingdom on a mountain and the valley folk
below
on the mountain was a treasure buried deep beneath a
stone
and the valley people swore they'd have it for their very
own

CHORUS: go ahead and hate your neighbor
go ahead and cheat a friend
do it in the name of heaven
justify it in the end
There won't be any trumpets blowing
come the judgment day
on the bloody morning after
One tin soldier rides away

So the people of the valley sent a message up the hill,
asking for the buried treasure, tons of gold for which
they'd kill.
Came an answer from the kingdom "with our brothers
we will share.
All the secrets of our mountain, all the riches buried
there."

Now the valley cried with anger, "mount your horses,
draw your swords"
And they killed the mountain people, so they won their
just reward.
Now they stood beside the treasure, on the mountain
dark and red.
Turned the stone and looked beneath it; PEACE ON
EARTH was all it said.

CHORUS

REPEAT

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