

Joni Mitchell

"The Tea Leaf Prophecy"

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(Study war no more)
(Lay down your arms)
(Study war no more)
(Lay 'em down, lay 'em down now)
(Study war no more)
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Newsreels rattle the Nazi dread
The able bodied have shipped away
(Lay down your arms)
Molly Mcgee gets her tea leaves read
'You'll be married in a month' they say
(Lay down your arms)

These leaves are crazy
Look at this town, there's no men left
(Lay down your arms)
Just frail old boys and babies
Talking to teacher in the treble clef

(Study war no more)
She plants her garden in the spring
(Lay down your arms)
(Study war no more)
She does the winter shovelling
(Lay down, lay 'em down now)
(Study war no more)

Tokyo rose on the radio
(Lay down your arms)
(Study war no more)
She says she's leavin' but she don't go
(Study war no more)

Out of the blue, just passin' through
A young flight sergeant on two weeks leave
(Lay down your arms)
Says, "Molly Mcgee and no one else will do!"
And seals the tea leaf prophecy
(Lay down your arms)

Oh these nights are strong and soft
Private passions and secret storms
(Lay down your arms)
Nothin' about him ticks her off
And he looks so cute in his uniform
(Study war no more)

She plants her garden in the spring
(Lay down your arms)
(Study war no more)
He does the winter shovelling
(Lay 'em down, lay 'em down now)
(Study war no more)
But summers just a sneeze in a long, long, bad winter
cold

(Lay down your arms)
(Study war no more)
She says, "I'm leavin here" but she don't go
(Study war no more)
Sleep little darlin'
This is your happy home
(Lay down your arms)

Hiroshima cannot be pardoned
Dont have kids when you get grown
(Lay down your arms)
Because, this world is shattered
The wise are mourning, the fools are joking
(Lay down your arms)
Oh, what does it matter?
The wash needs ironing
And the fire needs stoking

She plants her garden in the spring
(Lay down your arms)
(Study war no more)
He does the winter shovelling
(Lay 'em down, lay 'em down now)
(Study war no more)
The three of 'em laughing 'round the radio
(Lay down your arms)
(Study war no more)

She says "I'm leavin here" but she dont go
(Study war no more)
She plants her garden in the spring
(Lay down your arms)
(Study war no more)
They do the winter shovelling
(Lay 'em down, lay 'em down now)

(Study war no more)
They sit up late and watch the Johnny Carson show
(Lay down your arms)
(Study war no more)
She says "I'm leavin' here" but she dont go

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