

Manfred Mann "Up The Junction"

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With God On Our Side

Manfred Mann

Words and Music by Bob Dylan

-From their LP "The Best Of Manfred Mann"

My name it is nothing, my age it means less

The country I come from is a part of the Free West

I was taught and brought up there it's laws to abide

And that the land that I live in has God on it's side

Oh the history books tell it, they tell it so well

The cavalries charged, the Indians fell

The cavalries charged, the Indians died

For the country was young with God on it's side

Oh the first World War, it came and it went

The reason for fighting I never could get

But I learned to accept it, accept it with pride

For you don't count the dead when Gods on your side

And then the second World War, it came to an end

We forgave the Germans and now we are friends

Though they murdered six million, in the ovens they
fried

The Germans now, too, have God on their side

But now we have weapons of chemical dust

And if fire them were forced to, why then fire them we
must

One push of the button and a shot the worldwide

And you never ask questions when Gods on your side

Tho many a long hour Ive thought on this

That Jesus Christ was betrayed by a kiss

But I can't think for you, you will have to decide

Whether Judas Iscariot had God on his side

And now as I leave you, Im weary as hell

The confusion Im feelin, there aint no tongue can tell

The words fill my head and drop to the floor

That if Gods on our side, hell stop the next war.

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