

Peter, Paul & Mary

"One Tin Soldier"

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Verse I

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, you can 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.

Verse II

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."

Chorus

Verse III

Now the valley cried with anger, mount your horses,
draw your sword!
And they killed the mountain people, sure they'd 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

