

Phil Ochs

"When First Unto This Country"

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When first unto this country a stanger I came,
I fought the revolution, peace and quiet was my aim.
When the indians attacked us, at least that's what I'm
told,
So we threw them off their land with no thought of
greed or gold.

Then our ships were being boarded, other countries
took our men,
Napoleon was too powerful, the british lost again.
And then hopelessly outnumbered, we fought our level
best,
And we borrowed from old mexico the american south
west.

And when that war was over there was no one left to
fight
So we turned and fought each other--to the historians'
delight
Then for thirty years we rested, and tried to ease the
pain,
Until the cuban sugar crop we gladly freed from spain.
Then europe started feudin', there were profits by the
score,
So the ammunition makers fought the war to end all
war,
But old hitler started marchin', he practiced over in
spain,
The depression was defeated, the world was safe
again.

So we joined the united nations in hopes that war would
cease
And except for korea, we almost kept the peace.
Yes, it's time to really end all wars, the h-bomb makes
it worse
Besides this song is much too long to add another
verse.

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