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"To Hell With War"

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I spent 33 years of my life active, Marines
What's that mean? I was high-class muscle man for
Wall Street
I helped make Mexico and China safe for American oil
companies
Helped the bankers strike it rich in Nicaragua, Cuba
and Haiti

At the time I never had a thought of my own,
like all members of the military
Til I left the service, then it was pretty clear to see
That I was a gangster for capitalism, three continents I
controlled
A global racketeer, eat your heart out, Al Capone
Yeah eat your heart out, Al Capone

When the dollar gets restless
It goes on the attack
And the flag follows the dollar
And the soldiers follow the flag

World War One produced 21,000 millionaires
Munitions makers, Bankers and Speculators, not
soldiers
It cost the public shattered minds, broken hearts,
depression and graves
And back-breaking taxation for generations

How many of these new millionaires slung a rifle on
their back
Or went hungry in a fox-hole fighting off the rats
How many spent sleepless nights ducking bullets and
shrapnel
How many of them were wounded? How many of them
were killed?
How many of them were killed?

They were taken from the classrooms and the factories
and the fields
Used for a few years and trained in "kill or be killed"
Through mass psychology they were entirely changed

When they got back they got discharged and scattered
without no speeches or parades

Now no one mentioned to these boys as they marched
away
That they might be shot with bullets manufactured here
in the U.S.A.
Or hit by torpedoes fired from submarines with U.S.
patented designs
Cuz Uncle Sam's racketeers were working both sides
Yeah they were working both sides, profit!

Truth compels such responses from a military man,
Cuz I moved my way up through the chain of command
From Second Lieutenant up to 2 stars
I fought in the Boxer Rebellion and the Spanish-
American
and First World Wars

And I wouldn't go to war again to protest some lousy
banker's investment
Cuz war's a racket, and it's always been a racket
Now I believe in nothing but adequate defense along
the coast
There's only two things we should fight for and that's
our rights and our homes
To hell with war!

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