

## **Kendrick John**

### **"Christians At War"**

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Onward, Christian soldiers! Duty's way is plain;

Slay your Christian neighbors, or by them be slain,

Pulpiteers are spouting effervescent swill,

God above is calling you to rob and rape and kill,

All your acts are sanctified by the Lamb on high;

If you love the Holy Ghost, go murder, pray and die.

Onward, Christian soldiers! Rip and tear and smite!

Let the gentle Jesus bless your dynamite.

Splinter skulls with shrapnel, fertilize the sod;

Folks who do not speak your tongue deserve the curse  
of God.

Smash the doors of every home, pretty maidens seize;

Use your might and sacred right to treat them as you  
please.

Onward, Christian soldiers! Eat and drink your fill;

Rob with bloody fingers, Christ okays the bill,

Steal the farmers' savings, take their grain and meat;

Even though the children starve, the Saviour's bums  
must eat,

Burn the peasants' cottages, orphans leave bereft;  
In Jehovah's holy name, wreak ruin right and left.  
Onward, Christian soldiers! Drench the land with gore;  
Mercy is a weakness all the gods abhor.  
Bayonet the babies, jab the mothers, too;  
Hoist the cross of Calvary to hallow all you do.  
File your bullets' noses flat, poison every well;  
God decrees your enemies must all go plumb to hell.  
Onward, Christian soldiers! Blight all that you meet;  
Trample human freedom under pious feet.  
Praise the Lord whose dollar sign dupes his favored  
race!  
Make the foreign trash respect your bullion brand of  
grace.  
Trust in mock salvation, serve as tyrant's tools;  
History will say of you: "That pack of G.. D.. fools"  
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