

Peace in Our Time

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From the steel and concrete canyons to the amber fields of grain	D G D
You can hear the good news ringing out: peace has come again	G D Bm A
The victors and the villains are walking hand in hand	D Bm G
And Mister Sousa's bugle boys are striking up the band	G D A D

Everybody's waving flags and dancing in the street
Humpty Dumpty's whole again & back up on his feet
There's linen on the tabletops the crystal glasses gleam
There's barbecue for everyone and seconds on ice cream

The king is smiling at the crowd in a thousand dollar suit	G D A D
As the privates show their medals and the bankers count their loot	G D Bm A
They're breaking out the bubbly on the trading floor	G D G
It all looks pretty good to me but I been wrong before	G D A D

From the smoking towers of Ilium to the hills of Pakistan
The power and the glory greet the battle-hardened man
Jesus promised that the meek would come into their own
For two thousand years we've been waiting by the phone

At Appomattox Courthouse, in the gardens of Versailles
Came a stillness so ferocious it made the statues cry
The wailing on the Mekong was silenced on the Seine
As every drop of bitter earth vanished in the rain

But all that's ancient history, a new day is at hand
Our marching days are over, say the boys in the band
No one now need fear the night, no one need bar the door
It all sounds pretty good to me but I been wrong before