

Soldiers

Words and Music: Graeme Connors

He recalls late in the sixties how he used to get so angry
at the hippies demonstrating 'gainst the war in Vietnam
he was raised on Eisenhower hated flower power
so all the way with L.B.J. he could easily understand
he was proud to serve his country and the cause of truth and justice
though now and then he wondered when the killing would all cease
but he was sent to fight believing he was in the right
to dedicate the best years of his life to win a war for peace

And he remembers all the stories the old men used to tell him
of their days in the South Pacific back in nineteen forty-four
all the battles and the heroes the torpedoes and the zeros
and how they thanked the Lord the day the A-Bomb stopped it all
they'd been proud to serve their country and the cause of truth and justice
never doubting for a moment they were right in their belief
'cause they were out there fighting for a war to end all other wars
and give the best years of their life so the world could live in peace

Now he listens to his grand-kids tell him any war is wrong
they don't see the future down the barrel of a gun
they believe that in their lifetime a change is gonna come
and the power of words will surely save the world

Then he reads the morning papers and he watches late night news
and he sees the truth behind all these conflicting points of view
from Mexico, North Africa, Iraq or Afghanistan
if you're talking to a bullet the power of words won't have a chance
and as long as there's a country and a cause of truth and justice
sometime someone somewhere's gonna die for their beliefs
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