

# Universal Soldier

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C G C Am  
He's five foot-two, and he's six feet-four,  
F G C  
He fights with missiles and with spears.  
F G C Am  
He's all of thirty-one, and he's only seventeen,  
F G  
Been a soldier for a thousand years.

C G C Am  
He's a Catholic, a Hindu, an Atheist, a Jain,  
F G C  
A Buddhist and a Baptist and a Jew.  
F G  
And he knows he shouldn't kill,  
C Am  
And he knows he always will,  
F G  
Kill you for me my friend and me for you.

C G  
And he's fighting for Canada,  
C Am  
He's fighting for France,  
F C  
He's fighting for the USA,  
F G  
And he's fighting for the Russians,  
C Am  
And he's fighting for Japan,  
F G  
And he thinks we'll put an end to war this way.

C G  
And he's fighting for Democracy,  
C Am  
He's fighting for the Reds,  
F G  
He says it's for the peace of all.  
F G  
He's the one who must decide,  
C Am  
Who's to live and who's to die,  
F G  
And he never sees the writing on the wall.

C G  
But without him, how would Hitler  
C Am  
have condemned him at Dachau?  
F G  
Without him Caesar would have stood alone,  
C G  
He's the one who gives his body  
C Am  
As a weapon of the war,  
F G

And without him all this killing can't go on.

**C** **G** **C** **Am**  
He's the Universal Soldier and he really is to blame,  
**F** **G**  
His orders come from far away no more,  
**C** **G** **C** **Am**  
They come from here and there and you and me,  
**C** **Am**  
And brothers can't you see,  
**F** **G**  
This is not the way we put the end to war.