

Too Long a Soldier

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We were the children of '45
Loaded like pistols and taught how to die
We looked the enemy straight in the eye
(And never surrender)
The trenches dug in the back of mind
I go over the top time after time
Me and the one's we left behind
(I'll always remember)

Now there's no fight left within me
But the righting of this wrong
As Nations we're divided
But as people we are one
Like brothers in blood it seems that we've been too long a soldier

In the city of monuments
Among the flags of our government
The orders of battle are written in the shadows of a hard black line
Where people cry for a nations scars
And heroes sleep beneath a blanket of stars
Too young to die
But never too old to play the generals game

Now there's no life left within them
But their memory lingers on
As Nations we're divided
But as people we are one
For brothers in blood
We sing that we've been
Too long a soldier

Eternal flames blow in the wind
I've been too long a soldier
Captain of the guard I'm coming in
Too long too long a soldier
I've seen so much worth dying for
So little worth killing over

HEY!!

Eternal flames blow in the wind
I've been too long a soldier
Captain of the guard I'm coming in
Too long too long a soldier
I've seen so much worth dying for
So little worth killing over
Soldiers gone before, I will surely fade away

My eyes have seen the glory,
and the suffering and pain
I've been too long a soldier
Too long too long a soldier
I've been too long a soldier

(Too long a soldier)
Eternal flames blow in the wind
(Too long a soldier)

My eyes have seen the glory of
(Too long a soldier)
Oh say can you see by the dawns early light,

Oh, oh