Mama is your boy home? I used to see him here. No, my son is gone away and you won't find him near. Is he over there then, fightin' in that war? No, my son has left that place We'll see him never more Chorus: War... Has taken away our son And whatever happened to love your brother, love your sister, one another, in the darkest hour? Mama, what was he fightin for? Did he really understand? No, my son just went along, he was told to by the man. Mama, he was my son too, I feel for him, I can. Northern soul is what he had and I'd rather have him back chorus He's a bird that flies, no yard and he wont be back again so put him in your heart. 'Cause you make him with your love, and he flies above, and we both know he was better than this war. Mama is your daughter home? Or is she to run her time? No, my girl is gone downtown carrying a sign. Hurray for the peace parade and the lovers of free will, free to surrender the need to kill or be killed.