

Universal Soldier

First Aid Kit

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

He's a Christian, a Hindu, an Atheist, a Jain,
A Buddhist, and a Muslim, and a Jew
And he knows he shouldn't kill
And he knows he always will
Kill you for me, my friend, and me for you

And he's fighting for Palestine
He's fighting for Israel
He's fighting for the USA
And he's fighting for the Russians
And he's fighting for Iraq
And he thinks we'll put an end to war this way

And he's fighting for Democracy
He's fighting for his soil
He says: "It's for the peace of all"
He's the one who must decide,
Who's to live and who's to die,
And he never sees the writing on the wall.

But without him,
How would Hitler have condemned them at Dachau?
Without him Caesar would have stood alone,
He's the one who gives his body
As a weapon of the war,
And without him all this killing can't go on.

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