Masters of War

Bob Dylan

Come, you masters of war

You that build the big guns

You that build the death planes

You that build all the bombs You that hide behind walls

You that hide behind desks

I just want you to know

I can see through your masks You that never done nothin'

But build to destroy

You play with my world

Like it's your little toyYou put a gun in my hand

And you hide from my eyes

And you turn and run farther

When the fast bullets fly

Like Judas of old

You lie and deceive

A world war can be won

You want me to believeBut I see through your eyes

And I see through your brain

Like I see through the water

That runs down my drainYou fasten all the triggers

For the others to fire

Then you sit back and watch

While the death count gets higherYou hide in your mansion

While the young peoples' blood

Flows out of their bodies

And is buried in the mud

You've thrown the worst fear

That can ever be hurled

Fear to bring children

Into the worldFor threatenin' my baby

Unborn and unnamed

You ain't worth the blood

That runs in your veinsHow much do I know

To talk out of turn?

You might say that I'm young

You might say I'm unlearnedBut there's one thing I know

Though I'm younger than you

That even Jesus would never

Forgive what you doLet me ask you one question

Is your money that good?

Will it buy you forgiveness?

Do you think that it could? I think you will find

When your death takes its toll
All the money you made
Will never buy back your soulAnd I hope that you die
And your death will come soon
I'll follow your casket
On a pale afternoonI'll watch while you're lowered
Down to your deathbed
And I'll stand over your grave
'Til I'm sure that you're dead
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