With God On Our Side

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It's a movie and the whole world is viewing it And the popcorn is dreams torn, but we're always chewing it. (They said) Dishonest by God but the costumes by the devil And the screenplay is adapted from a book that's embezzled. This is where I grew up. This is where I grew proud. This is where neighbors never say music is too loud. This is where the streets have no name, but they have history. This is loss is victory. Oh my name it ain't nothing; my age it means less. The country I come from could be like the rest. I was taught and brought up there, laws to abide And the land that I live in has God on its side. I was young; I grew. I could tie my shoe. I was blind, but I knew that I would always see blue. Blue seas I see through on the bottom I'll meet you And when we come up for a breath would you mind if I kiss you? Childhood came up for the kiss, but it slips its pain in with mist And the sunny skies came and I missed it, Vanished and when swept. Landed we slept in the arms of convenience, blanket obedience. Now to some of the Americans, War had its day And the Civil War too was soon laid away And the names of our warlords I was made to memorize. With guns in their hands, they said, God's on their side. I had an undying wish to keep from dying. I had an untimely hitch keep me from climbing But I climbed a hitch itself and I tried flying. I had an uprising in my soul. The left was fight in the right And the right was fight in the light And the light was blind in the night And the night woke up in tears When my fingers went to wipe them They became a poem but to write then They would have to speak tears in another language That would take years. So now as I'm leavin' I'm weary as Hell

The confusion I'm feelin' Ain't no tongue can tell The words fill my head And fall to the floor If God's on our side then would you ever need war?

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