

# Minstrel Boy

## Joe Strummer and the Mescaleros

The minstrel boy to the war is gone,  
In the ranks of death you'll find him  
His father's sword he hath girded on,  
And his wild harp slung behind him  
"Land of Song!" cried the warrior bard,  
(Should) "Tho' all the world betrays thee,  
One sword, at least, thy rights shall guard,  
One faithful harp shall praise thee!"  
The Minstrel fell! But the foeman's chain  
Could not bring that proud soul under  
The harp he loved ne'er spoke again,  
For he tore its chords asunder  
And said "No chains shall sully thee,  
Thou soul of love and bravery!  
Thy songs were made for the pure and free  
They shall never sound in slavery!"

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