

The Drums Of War

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Roll out the drums, roll out the drums
Roll out the drums of war
Roll out, roll out, roll out the drums
Roll out the drums of war
Roll out the drums of war
Roll up the cover of the killing floor
Roll out the drums of war
And let's speak of things worth fighting for
Roll out the drums of war
Roll out the drums of war
Roll out the drums of war
Roll out the drums of war
But time comes when everything
You ever thought you knew
Comes crashing down and
Flames rise up in front of you
Roll out the drums, roll out the drums
Roll out the drums of war
Roll out, roll out, roll out the drums
Roll out the drums of war
Roll out the drums of war
Roll back the freedoms that we struggled for
What were those freedoms for?
Let's not talk about it any more
Roll out the drums of war
Roll out the drums of war
Roll out the drums of war
Roll out the drums of war
If you ever want to even out the score
Whatever you believe the necessary course to be
Depends on who you trust to identify the enemy
Who beats the drums for war?
Even before peace is lost
Who are the profits for?
Who are they who bear the cost
When a country takes the low road to war?
Who gives the orders, orders to torture?
Who gets to no bid contract the future?
Who lies, then bombs, then calls it an error?

Who makes a fortune from fighting terror?
Who is the enemy, trying to crush us?
Who is the enemy of truth and justice?
Who is the enemy of peace and freedom?
Where are the courts, now when we need them?
Why is impeachment not on the table?
We better stop them while we are able
Roll out the drums of war
Roll out the drums of war
Roll out the drums of war
Roll out the drums of war
If you know what your freedom's for
(Roll out the drums of war)
Whatever you believe, the necessary course to be
Depends on who you trust to identify the enemy
Who took this country to war
Long before the peace was lost?
Who are the profits for?
And who are they who bear the cost
Who lay down their lives?
Who will live with the sacrifice
Of our best and brightest hopes
The flower of our youth
Of freedom and the truth?

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