

# Go Down Fighting

They call us into battle  
to fight for Queen and country,  
protect our mighty nation,  
its honour and its glory,  
its privilege and status,  
its money and its power,  
its safety and its comfort ,  
against our fellow-humans,

but if I must go down fighting,  
I'd sooner fight for justice,  
and let it be for justice  
for all our fellow-humans.  
If I must go down fighting,  
I'd sooner fight for freedom  
for those upon the margins,  
the poor and the exploited,  
and let it be for peace.

They call us into battle  
to fight against the others,  
the alien, the foreign,  
the ones who are not like us,  
the black, or white, or Asian,  
the Hindu, Muslim, Christian,  
the Arab or Israeli,  
the Protestant or Catholic,

but if I must go down fighting,  
Then I will fight the hatred,  
the xenophobic poison,  
the subtle propaganda.  
If I must go down fighting,  
Then I will fight the malice,  
the lies and the distortion  
that try to keep us blinkered,  
and let it be for peace.

They call us into battle  
to fight with bombs and bullets,  
with helicopter gunships,  
uranium-tipped missiles,  
with homelessness and hunger,  
with misery and murder,  
imprisonment and torture  
that turn more hearts against us,

but if I must go down fighting,  
I'll arm myself with music,  
with poetry and singing,  
with melody and rhythm.  
And I will go down fighting  
with songs to break down fences,  
with high-explosive laughter,  
with armour-piercing lyrics,  
And I will not go quietly -  
I leave my song behind me  
and those who follow after  
will sing it even louder,

And it will be for love,  
and it will be for joy,  
and it will be for peace.

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Sue Gilmurray

They call us in - to bat - tle to fight for queen and coun - try, de -  
 call us in - to bat - tle to fight a - gainst the o - thers, the  
 call us in - to bat - tle to fight with bombs and bul - lets, with

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fend our might - y na - tion, its hon - our and its glo - ry, its pri - vi - lege and sta - tus, its  
 a - li - en, the for - eign, the ones who are not like us, the black or white or A - sian, the  
 he - li - cop - ter gun - ships, u - ran - i - um - tipped mis - siles, with home - less - ness and hun ger, with

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mo - ney and its po - wer, its safe - ty and its com - fort, a - gainst our fel - low - hu - mans.  
 Hin - du, Mus - lim, Christ - ian, the A - rab or Is - rael - i, the Pro - test - ant or Cath' lic.  
 mi - se - ry and mur - der, im - pri - son - ment and tor - ture, that turns more hearts a - gainst us.

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But if I must go down fight - ing, I'd soon - er fight for just - ice, and  
 But if I must go down fight - ing, then I will fight the hat - red, the  
 But if I must go down fight - ing, I'll arm my - self with mu - sic, with

If I must, if I must go, I'll go down fight - ing, fight - ing for  
 fight - ing the  
 fight - ing with

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let it be for just - ice for all my fel - low - hu - mans. If I must go down fight - ing, I'd  
 xen - o - pho - bic poi - son, the sub - tle pro - pa - gan - da. If I must go down fight - ing, then  
 po - et - ry and sing - ing, with me - lo - dy and rhy - thm. And I will go down fight - ing with

just - ice, fight - ing for all my fel - low - hu - mans, I'll go, I'll go down  
 hat - red, fight - ing the sub - tle pro - pa - gan - da,  
 mu - sic, fight - ing with me - lo - dy and rhy - thm,

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soon - er fight for free - dom for those up - on the mar - gins, the poor and the ex - ploit - ed, and  
I will fight the mal - ice, the lies and the dis - tor - tion that try to keep us blink - ered, and  
songs to break down fen - ces, with high - ex - plo - sive laugh - ter, and arm - our - pier - cing ly - rics, and

fight - ing, fight - ing for free - dom for the poor and the ex - ploi - ted, and  
fight - ing the mal - ice that will try to keep us blink - ered, and  
break down the fen - ces with my arm - our - pier - cing ly - rics, and

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let it be, let it be, let it be for peace.  
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let it, let it be for peace.

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They I will not go quiet - ly, I'll leave my song be - hind me, and  
They

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those who fol - low af - ter will sing it e - ven loud - er, and it will be for love, and

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it will be for joy, and it will be, it will be for peace and it will be, will be for peace.