

## ONE TIN SOLDIER (DENNIS LAMBERT & BRIAN POTTER, 1966) \*

C                      G                      Am  
Listen children to    a    story    that was written long ago  
So the people of    the    valley    sent a message up the hill  
Now the valley cried with anger, mount your horses, draw your swords

F                      C                      Dm7                      G  
'Bout a kingdom on a mountain and    the valley folk    below  
Asking for the buried treasure tons of gold for which they'd kill  
and they killed the mountain people so they won their just re-ward

C                      G                      Am  
On the mountain was    a    treasure buried deep beneath a stone  
Came an answer from the kingdom "With our brothers we will share  
Now they stood beside the treasure on the mountain, dark and red

F                      C                      Dm7                      C    F    C  
And the valley people swore they'd have it for their very own  
All the secrets of our mountain, all the riches buried there.  
turned the stone and looked beneath it, "Peace on Earth" was all it said.

Chorus:

   Em    F                      C  
Go ahead and hate your neighbor, go ahead and cheat a friend

   Em    F                      C  
Do it in the name of heaven, justify it in the end

   Em    F                      C  
There won't be any trumpets blowing, come the judgment day

   F    F                      C    F    C  
On the bloody morning after.....One tin soldier rides away.

\*Jinx Dawson of the band Coven sang the song at a 1971 session with the film's orchestra as part of the soundtrack for the Warner Brothers movie Billy Jack. Jinx asked that her band, Coven, be listed on the recording and film, not her name as a solo artist. This Warner release, titled as "One Tin Soldier: The Legend of Billy Jack," reached #26 on Billboard's Hot 100 in fall 1971, only to be pulled from the charts by the Billy Jack film producers as it was moving up due to legal squabbles over the rights to the recording.  
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