

# War song lyrics (incomplete list)

## **Genre: Soul/R&B**

Performing Artist—Title

### **Edwin Starr—WAR!**

War...huh...yeah  
What is it good for?  
Absolutely nothing  
Uh ha haa ha  
War...huh...yeah  
What is it good for?  
Absolutely nothing...say it again y'all  
War..huh...look out...  
What is it good for?  
Absolutely nothing...listen to me ohhhhh

WAR! I despise,  
'cause it means destruction of innocent lives,  
War means tears to thousands of mother's eyes,  
When their sons gone to fight and lose their lives.

I said WAR!...huh...good God y'all,  
What is it good for?  
Absolutely nothing...say it again  
War! Huh...What is it good for?  
Absolutely nothing...listen to me

WAR! It ain't nothing but a heartbreaker,  
War. Friend only to the undertaker.  
Ohhh! War is an enemy to all mankind,  
The thought of war blows my mind.  
War is caused and raised within the younger generation,  
Induction then destruction...who wants to die? Ohhh

WAR! Good God y'all huh  
What is it good for?  
Absolutely nothing...say it say it SAY IT!  
WAR! Uh huh yeah hu!  
What is it good for?  
Absolutely nothing...listen to me

WAR! It ain't nothing but a heartbreaker,  
War! It's got one friend that's the undertaker.  
Ohhhh! War has shattered many a young man's dream,  
Made him disabled, bitter and mean,  
Life is much too short and precious to spend fighting wars these days.  
War can't give life; it can only take it away!

Ohhh WAR! huh...good God y'all  
What is it good for?  
Absolutely nothing...say it again  
War!...huh...woh oh oh Lord  
What is it good for?  
Absolutely nothing...listen to me

War! It ain't nothing but a heartbreaker,  
War. Friend only to the undertaker...woo  
Peace lovin' understand then tell me,  
Is there no place for them today?  
They say we must fight to keep our freedom,  
But Lord knows there's got to be a better way.

Ohhhhhh WAR! huh...good God y'all...  
What is it good for?...you tell me!  
Say it say it say it saaaay it!  
War! Good God now...huh  
What is it good for?  
Stand up and shout it...NOTHING!

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## Marvin Gaye—What's Going On?

Mother, mother  
There's too many of you crying  
Brother, brother, brother  
There's far too many of you dying  
You know we've got to find a way  
To bring some lovin' here today - Ya

Father, father  
We don't need to escalate  
You see, war is not the answer  
For only love can conquer hate  
You know we've got to find a way  
To bring some lovin' here today

Picket lines and picket signs  
Don't punish me with brutality  
Talk to me, so you can see  
Oh, what's going on  
What's going on  
Ya, what's going on  
Ah, what's going on

In the mean time  
Right on, baby  
Right on

Right on

Father, father, everybody thinks we're wrong  
Oh, but who are they to judge us  
Simply because our hair is long  
Oh, you know we've got to find a way  
To bring some understanding here today  
Oh

Picket lines and picket signs  
Don't punish me with brutality  
Talk to me  
So you can see  
What's going on  
Ya, what's going on  
Tell me what's going on  
I'll tell you what's going on - Uh  
Right on baby  
Right on baby

### Marvin Gaye—What's Happening Brother?

Hey baby, what'cha know good  
I'm just gettin' back, but you knew I would  
War is hell, when will it end,  
When will people start gettin' together again  
Are things really gettin' better, like the newspaper said  
What else is new my friend, besides what I read  
Can't find no work, can't find no job my friend  
Money is tighter than it's ever been  
Say man, I just don't understand  
What's going on across this land  
Ah what's happening brother,  
Oh ya, what's happening my man  
Are they still gettin' down where we used to go and dance  
Will our ball club win the pennant,  
do you think they have a chance  
And tell me friend, how in the world have you been.  
Tell me what's out and I want to know what's in.  
What's the deal man, what's happening  
What's happening brother  
Ah what's happening brother  
What's happening my man  
Ah what's happening brother  
What's been shaken up and down the line  
I want to know cause I'm slightly behind the time.

## Marvin Gaye—Mercy, Mercy Me

Woo ah, mercy mercy me  
Ah things ain't what they used to be, no no  
Where did all the blue skies go?  
Poison is the wind that blows from the north and south and east  
Woo mercy, mercy me, mercy father  
Ah things ain't what they used to be, no no  
Oil wasted on the ocean and upon our seas, fish full of mercury  
Ah oh mercy, mercy me  
Ah things ain't what they used to be, no no  
Radiation under ground and in the sky  
Animals and birds who live nearby are dying  
Oh mercy, mercy me  
Ah things ain't what they used to be  
What about this overcrowded land  
How much more abuse from man can she stand?  
Oh, na na...  
My sweet Lord... No  
My Lord... My sweet Lord

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## Tony Orlando & Dawn –Tie A Yellow Ribbon ('Round the Ole Oak Tree)

I'm comin' home, I've done my time  
Now I've got to know what is and isn't mine  
If you received my letter telling you I'd soon be free  
Then you'll know just what to do  
If you still want me  
If you still want me

Whoa, tie a yellow ribbon 'round the ole oak tree  
It's been three long years  
Do ya still want me? (still want me)  
If I don't see a ribbon 'round the ole oak tree  
I'll stay on the bus  
Forget about us  
Put the blame on me  
If I don't see a yellow ribbon 'round the ole oak tree

Bus driver, please look for me  
'cause I couldn't bear to see what I might see  
I'm really still in prison  
And my love, she holds the key  
A simple yellow ribbon's what I need to set me free  
I wrote and told her please

Whoa, tie a yellow ribbon 'round the ole oak tree  
It's been three long years  
Do ya still want me? (still want me)  
If I don't see a ribbon 'round the ole oak tree  
I'll stay on the bus  
Forget about us  
Put the blame on me  
If I don't see a yellow ribbon 'round the ole oak tree

Now the whole damned bus is cheerin'  
And I can't believe I see  
A hundred yellow ribbons 'round the ole oak tree

I'm comin' home, mmm, mmm

Tie a ribbon 'round the ole oak tree  
Tie a ribbon 'round the ole oak tree  
Tie a ribbon 'round the ole oak tree

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