

A Soldier's Prayer

*Dear God, if You can hear,
Above the cannon's roar,
This anguished prayer,
If blood and sweat and pain
Can buy the peace,
I pay the bitter cost that wars may cease.*

*If I must die while others live,
Let not my life be counted lost --
I have but one to give.*

*Oh God of all,
If on some battlefield we fall,
Crippled and maimed, the living dead --
Helpless for years on crutch or bed,
This price we pay in mortal pain.*

*Look down while we in anguished prayer,
Cry out when earthly powers are lost
And give us peace in despair.*

