

War - by Norman Whitfield & Barrett Strong, recorded 1969 by Edwin Starr, The Temptations
Arranged for DCASB 2026

Form:

Play intro, 8 bars
Play verse, 8 bars
Play chorus 4x, total 16 bars
Sing verse 1
Play chorus 4x, total 16 bars
Sing verse 2
Play chorus 4x, total 16 bars
Play outro

Verse 1:

War, I despise
'Cause it means destruction of innocent lives
War brings tears to a thousand mother's eyes
When their sons go out to fight and lose their lives

Chorus:

War, uh! What is it good for
Absolutely nothing!

Verse 2:

War has shattered many young men's dreams
Made them disabled, bitter and mean
Life is too precious to be fighting wars these days
War can't give life, it can only take away

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