

Masters of War-Bob Dylan
Released on Freewheelin' (1963)
Dropped D tuning (DAdgbe')

Chords:

Cadd2 030030
Dm/f 003230 or 003030
G/b 020030

Occasionally the G/b chord is inserted in the return from Cadd2 to Dm.
At *) a Cadd2 is inserted in some of the verses.

Intro and recurring rhythmical pattern:

Dm	Cadd2	Dm	Cadd2	
-1---1-1-1-1-1---1-1-0---	-0h1-1-1-1-1-1---1-0---			
-3---3-3-3-3-3---3-3-3---	-3---3-3-3-3-3---3-3---			
-2---2-2-2-2-2---2-2-0---	-0h2-2-2-2-2-0h2---2-0---			etc.
-0---0-0-0-0-0---0-0-0---	-0---0-0-0-0-0---0-0---			
-0---0-0-0-0-0---0-0-3---	-0---0-0-0-0-0---0-3---			
-0---0-0-0-0-0---0-0-0---	-0---0-0-0-0-0---0-0---			

Dm
Come you masters of war

You that build the big guns

You that build the death planes
Cadd2 Dm
You that build all the bombs

You that hide behind walls
*)
You that hide behind desks
Cadd2
I just want you to know
Dm
I can see through your masks

You that never done nothin'
But build to destroy
You play with my world
Like it's your little toy
You put a gun in my hand
And you hide from my eyes
And you turn and run farther
When the fast bullets fly

Like Judas of old
You lie and deceive
A world war can be won
You want me to believe
But I see through your eyes
And I see through your brain
Like I see through the water
That runs down my drain

You fasten the triggers
For the others to fire
Then you set back and watch
When the death count gets higher
You hide in your mansion
As young people's blood
Flows out of their bodies
And is buried in the mud

You've thrown the worst fear
That can ever be hurled
Fear to bring children
Into the world
For threatening my baby
Unborn and unnamed
Dm/f
You ain't worth the blood
Cadd2 Dm

That runs in your veins

How much do I know
To talk out of turn
You might say that I'm young
You might say I'm unlearned
But there's one thing I know
Though I'm younger than you

Cadd2

Even Jesus would never

G/b

Dm

Forgive what you do

Let me ask you one question
Is your money that good
Will it buy you forgiveness
Do you think that it could
I think you will find
When your death takes its toll
All the money you made
Will never buy back your soul

And I hope that you die
And your death'll come soon
I will follow your casket
In the pale afternoon
And I'll watch while you're lowered
Down to your deathbed

Dm/f

And I'll stand o'er your grave

Cadd2

Dm

'Til I'm sure that you're dead