THEY'RE SCHEMING ON THEIR BEDS

What have those people said or done that we should have to shoulder gun.

And murder those we never saw, to satisfy a cruel law,

Which makes it right to kill and maim, that wealth may by the slaughter gain.

It isn't those who toil in peace, that ruthless dogs of war release,

But those who make our wars are they who run to fight another day.

The money kings think it's not right that they should be compelled to fight;

They think they're made of better clay than those who toil ten hours a day.

But tillers of the soil and those attir'd in bluejean working clothes.

Who are the mainstay of the land, are asked to form a murd'rous band,

And kill each other, while the men who cause our wars, with tongue and pen,

Call loudly for more men to go to fight the country's common foe.

What dupes we common people be that we're not wise enough to see

The folly of all war and strife—the wisdom of the peaceful life!

Let money kings and others who have little else in life to do

But stir up trouble, war and strife, without regard for loss of life,

Be made to fight, as others do, then friends we kindly ask of you