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Summary

The Atlanteans came, they explored, they destroyed lives and families and whole civilizations. The people of Pegasus have had enough.

Notes

Length: 4:02

Music: "Masters of War" by Bob Dylan (edited)

Warnings: Potentially disturbing image of bodies at 2:00.

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This vid took three years and two rebuilds to put together. It was actually one of the first vid ideas I ever had and among the first I started making. It would have been less agonizing to give up, but the vid had something to say, and I wanted it to be able to say it. It's not a new idea in SGA fandom, but I don't think I've seen it in vid form before.

Anyway, I'm happy with how this turned out. I hope you like it, too.

See the end of the work for more [notes](#)

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Come you masters of war
You that build the big guns
You that build the death planes
You that build all the bombs
You that hide behind walls
You that hide behind desks
I just want you to know 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 all the triggers
For the others to fire
Then you sit back and watch
While the death count gets higher
You hide in your mansion
While the 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
You ain't worth the blood that runs in your veins

How much do I know
Not 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
Even Jesus would never forgive what you do

And I hope that you die
And your death will come soon
I'll follow your casket
In the pale afternoon
And I'll watch while you're lowered
Down to your deathbed
And I'll stand over your grave 'til I'm sure that you're dead.

End Notes

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