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# Memorial Day lyrics for the whole world

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Last night my choral society sang at the National D-Day Memorial. The program included a swing era dance band, a children's chorus, and recognition of the veterans in attendance.

There was a special remembrance of those who gave their lives on D-Day as the 70th anniversary approaches. The National Guard unit of our town was the 2nd boat onto Omaha beach and all but 5 died almost immediately.

Our program included the customary repertoire for a patriotic event: This Land is Your Land, The Battle Hymn of the Republic, God Bless America, The Armed Forces Salute etc.

However, one familiar tune had lyrics that were new to me and those are the one's echoing in my head this morning.

The tune was "Finlandia" and the title "This is My Song."

This is my song, O God of all the nations A song of peace for lands afar and mine This is my home, the country where my heart is, Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine. But other hearts in other lands are beating With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

So hear my song, O God of all the nations A song of peace for their land and for mine

As we sang three verses with the same theme, I looked out at the young men, women and children in the audience, and I hoped that their names and those of their counterparts around the world wouldn't have to be included in future Memorial Day events.

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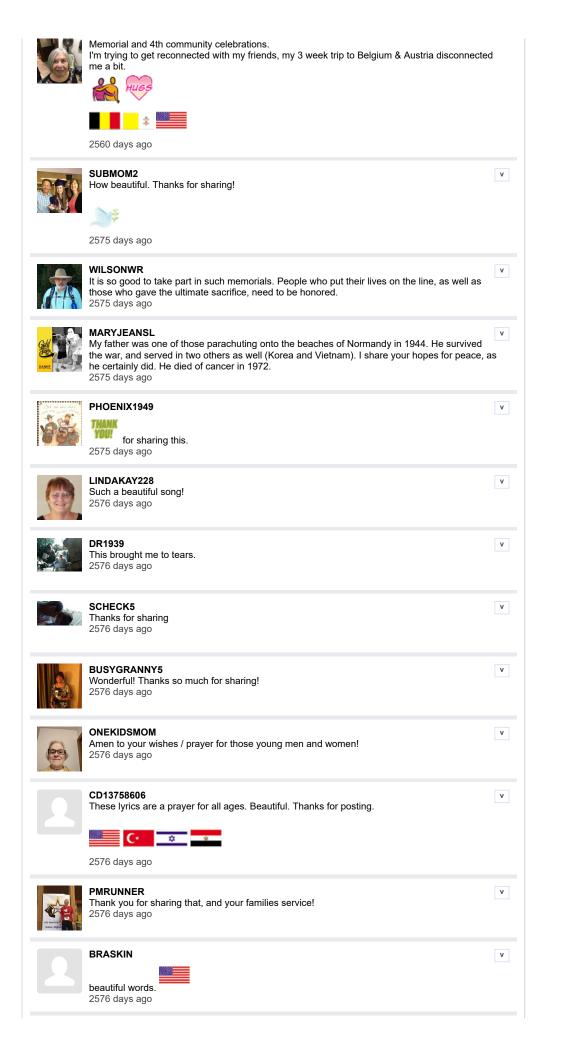
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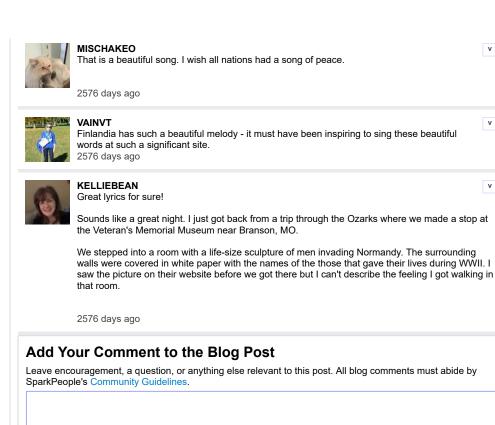
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