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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.

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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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Love the lyrics. One of the things I miss about small town Ohio (Wellington) living was the





Memorial and 4th community celebrations.

I'm trying to get reconnected with my friends, my 3 week trip to Belgium & Austria disconnected me a bit.



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SUBMOM2

How beautiful. Thanks for sharing!



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WILSONWR

It is so good to take part in such memorials. People who put their lives on the line, as well as those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, need to be honored.

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MARYJEANSL

My father was one of those parachuting onto the beaches of Normandy in 1944. He survived the war, and served in two others as well (Korea and Vietnam). I share your hopes for peace, as he certainly did. He died of cancer in 1972.

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for sharing this.
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Such a beautiful song!
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This brought me to tears.
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Wonderful! Thanks so much for sharing!
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Amen to your wishes / prayer for those young men and women!
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These lyrics are a prayer for all ages. Beautiful. Thanks for posting.



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Thank you for sharing that, and your families service!
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beautiful words.
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That is a beautiful song. I wish all nations had a song of peace.

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VAINVT

Finlandia has such a beautiful melody - it must have been inspiring to sing these beautiful words at such a significant site.

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KELLIEBEAN

Great lyrics for sure!

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Sounds like a great night. I just got back from a trip through the Ozarks where we made a stop at the Veteran's Memorial Museum near Branson, MO.

We stepped into a room with a life-size sculpture of men invading Normandy. The surrounding walls were covered in white paper with the names of the those that gave their lives during WWII. I saw the picture on their website before we got there but I can't describe the feeling I got walking in that room.

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