

When The War Came
The Decemberists

INTRO

Bsus2

VERSE 1

With all the grain of Babylon
To cultivate, To make us strong
And hidden here behind the walls
Are shoulders wide and timber on

Asus2

Till the war came

Bsus2

Till the war came

VERSE 2

A terrible autonomy
Is grafted onto you and me
A trust put in the governments
Who told their lies as heaven sent

Asus2

Till the war came

Bsus2

Till the war came

CHORUS

G

Asus2

Bsus2

And the war came with a curse and a caterwaul

G

Asus2

Bsus2

And the war came with all the poise of a cannonball

G

A

Em

G

And they re picking out our eyes by cold and candlelight

G

When the war came

Asus2

Bsus2

The war came hard

VERSE 3

We made our oaths to Avalon
We d not betray the soul lain on
The acres of hysteracy
To our own pangs of starvation

Asus2

When the war came

Bsus2

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CHORUS

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OUTRO

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