

# What A Waste

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The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words hyphenated across lines.

A G D Bm A D G D G

6 Em A G D G Em A D

9 G Bm D D A D

What a waste of time this war is: Years spent fight-ing a  
for - eign foe, hat - ing peo - ple we do not know, the  
en - e - my a friend just a while a - go. *What a waste of time this war is.*

What a waste of time this war is:  
Years spent fighting a foreign foe,  
Hating people we do not know,  
The enemy a friend just a while ago:  
*What a waste of time this war is.*

What a waste of space this war is:  
Ancient cities razed to the ground,  
In every corner explosions resound,  
With devastation all around:  
*What a waste of space this war is.*

What a waste of trees this war is:  
Forests plundered for their wood,  
Disturbed land where trunks once stood,  
Timber used, but not for good:  
*What a waste of trees this war is.*

What a waste of cash this war is:  
Billions spent on bombs and 'planes,  
Desperate measures to make small gains,  
Deep in debt to fund campaigns,  
*What a waste of cash this war is.*

What a waste of men this war is:  
Most of them young and in their prime,  
Unfortunately born at just the wrong time,  
Fighting a cause without reason or rhyme,  
*What a waste of men this war is.*

What a waste of life this war is:  
Men and women, young and old,  
Someone lost from each household,  
Millions suffering grief untold,  
*What a waste of life this war is.*



*In February 1945 allied aircraft bombarded Dresden, the capital of the German state of Saxony. Four raids took place between the 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of February, involving 722 heavy bombers of the British Royal Air Force and 527 of the United States Army Air Forces. In total, nearly 4,000 tons of high-explosive bombs and incendiary devices rained down on the city, virtually destroying the city centre, and killing around 25,000 people (some say many more), most of them civilians.*