

There Is a War  
written by Leonard Cohen

Intro: Am

Am  
There is a war between the rich and poor  
G  
A war between the man and the woman  
Am  
There is a war between the ones who say there is a war  
G  
And the ones who say that there isn't

Chorus:

D C G  
Why don't you come on back to the war, that's right, get in it  
D C G  
Why don't you come on back to the war, it's just beginning

Well I live here with a woman and a child  
The situation makes me kind of nervous  
Yes, I rise up from her arms, she says, "I guess you call this love"  
I call it service

Chorus:

Why don't you come on back to the war, don't be a tourist  
Why don't you come on back to the war, before it hurts us  
Why don't you come on back to the war, let's all get nervous

You cannot stand what I've become  
You much prefer the gentleman I was before  
I was so easy to defeat, I was so easy to control  
I didn't even know there was a war

Chorus:

Why don't you come on back to the war, don't be embarrassed  
Why don't you come on back to the war, you can still get married

There is a war between the rich and poor  
A war between the man and the woman  
There is a war between the left and right  
A war between the black and white  
A war between the odd and the even

Chorus:

Why don't you come on back to the war, pick up you tiny burden  
Why don't you come on back to the war, let's all get even  
Why don't you come on back to the war, can't you hear me speaking?

Intro (same strumming pattern on all Am chords throughout the song):

Am  
E: --0--0--0-0-0--0--0--0--0-0-0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--:  
B: --1--1-1-1-1--0--1--1-1-1-1--0--1--1-1-1-1--0--1--1-1-1-1--0--:  
G: --2--2-2-2-2--0--2--2-2-2-2--0--2--2-2-2-2--0--2--2-2-2-2--0--:  
D: --2--2-2-2-2--0--2--2-2-2-2--0--2--2-2-2-2--0--2--2-2-2-2--0--:  
A: --0--0-0-0-0--0--0--0-0-0-0--0--0--0-0-0-0--0--0--0-0-0-0--0--:  
E: -----: |

G chords are played like this:

G C G C G C G C  
E: --3--3-3-3-3--3--3--3-3-3--3--3--3-3-3--3--3--3-3-3--3--3--3-3-3--3--:  
B: --3--3-3-3-3--5--3--3-3-3-3--5--3--3-3-3-3--5--3--3-3-3-3--5--3--3-3-3-3--5--:

**G:** --4---4-4-4---5---4---4-4-4---5---4---4-4-4---5---4---4-4-4---5---:  
**D:** --5---5-5-5---5---5---5-5-5---5---5---5-5-5---5---5---5-5-5---5---:  
**A:** --5---5-5-5---3---5---5-5-5---3---5---5-5-5---3---5---5-5-5---3---:  
**E:** --3---3-3-3---3---3---3-3-3---3---3---3-3-3---3---3---3-3-3---3---: