

The Cannons Of Christianity

Words & Music:
Phil Ochs

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And bow to our authority Say the cannons of Christianity

Oh the children will be sent to schools.
Minds of clay are molded to their rules.
Learn to fear all of eternity warn the cannons of Christianity

Holy hands will count the money raised.
Like a king the Lord is richly praised
On a cross of diamond majesty say the cannons of Christianity

Missionaries will travel on crusades
The word is given, the heathen souls are saved
Conversions to our morality sigh the cannons of Christianity

Come the wars and turn the rules around
To bend your soul on the battleground
And the Lord will march beside me drone the cannons of Christianity

Cathedral walls will glitter with their gold
A the sermons speak through silver robes
Building castles amidst the poverty say the cannons of Christianity

Worship now and wash your sins away
Drop the coins, fall to your knees and pray
Cleanse the world of all hypocrisy smile the cannons of Christianity

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Notes from the official Phil Ochs Lyrics site:

"On to a tape I have, Phil, himself, says the chords are: D A D Bm G C D. Thanks to cody for matching them up to the lyrics.

There has been some debate about whether the word is "cannons" or "canons". In the War is Over song book, the former is used throughout and as the title.
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