

# A Peaceful Land

Lyrics: Kathy Galloway

Tune: Beach Spring, Arr. P. Stone

**What is being a nation? A talent springing in the heart.  
And love of country? Keeping house among a cloud of witnesses.**

*(Waldo Williams)*

Tune:  
Altos & Bases

Harmony:  
Sops & Tenors

Drones:  
Mixed Voices

When one hun - dred thou - sand peo - ple met to march on Glas-gow

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Tune

Harmony

Drones

Green, There were mil - lions more walked with them, a cloud of his - to - ry un -

Green, There were mil - lions more walked with them, a cloud of his - to - ry un -

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Tune

Harmony

Drones

seen, From the past and from the fu - ture, and the

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Tune

Harmony

Drones

cry on e - v'ry hand, 'Not in our name do you

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Tune

Harmony

Drones

go to war, this must be a Peace-ful Land.'

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2. And how shall we teach our children  
love of country, pride of place?  
Shall we say, we once were heroes,  
of a fiery, fighting race;  
and forget the stains of violence –  
people beaten, enslaved and banned?  
Or shall we now be peacemakers  
in a hospitable land?

3. From the Pentland to the Solway,  
from the Forth down to the Clyde,  
city streets and quiet places  
and the turning of the tide;  
shall we rise on wings of eagles  
soaring over wave and sand,  
never seeing beneath the surface  
to the scars upon the land.

4. We are armoured and defended  
like an empire dressed for war.  
But we face no threat or peril  
and we don't know what it's for.  
'Take the missiles from the waters',  
it's our dream and our demand.  
Turn the weapons into ploughshares,  
Give us back a peaceful land.

5. There's a choice that lies before us.  
How shall Scotland best be known?  
For the glories of its history  
and its loveliness alone?  
Or shall care for all earth's people  
be the song for which we stand,  
and the flowering of our nation  
as a just and peaceful land.