

Brothers in Arms

by Dire Straits



These mist covered
Are a home now for me
But my home is the
And always will be
Some day you'llto
Your valleys and your farms
And you'll no longer
To be brothers in arms

Through these fields of
Baptisms of fire
I've witnessed your
As the battles raged higher
And though they did
me so bad
In the fear and alarm
You did notme
My brothers in arms

There's so many different worlds
So many different
And we have just one world
But we live in different

Now the sun's gone to hell
And the moon's riding
Let me bid you farewell
Every man has to
But it's written in the starlight
And every line on your
We're fools to make war
On our brothers in arms



Listening exercise

Listen to the song and fill in the gaps.

Vocabulary definitions

- ▶ burn (v)[+ to infinitive] → to want to do something very much
- ▶ witness (v) → to see something happen, especially an accident or crime
- ▶ rage (v) → to happen in a strong or violent way
- ▶ alarm (n) → fear or worry that something unpleasant or dangerous might happen
- ▶ desert (v) /dɪ'zɜ:(r)t/ → to leave someone in a situation where they have no help or support

Vocabulary exercise

- ▶ Riots have been in the city centre for several days.
- ▶ Scientists have said there is no cause for
- ▶ She was..... to know when he was arriving.
- ▶ The little girl looked at the coins in her
- ▶ The woodcutter Hansel and Gretel in the middle of a forest.
- ▶ Two people the accident in which an old man was injured.

Comprehension questions

1. Where is the man at the beginning of the song?
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2. Why is he there?
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3. Where is his home?
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4. Who is he talking to?
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5. What did his comrades do when he was hurt?
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6. Why is he bidding them farewell (saying goodbye)?
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