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There was a decorated General with a heart of gold
That likened him to all the stories he told
Of past battles won and lost
And legends of old
A seasoned veteran in his own time.



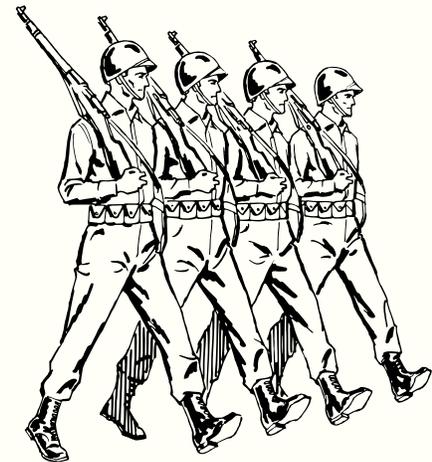
On the battlefield he gained respectful fame
With many medals of bravery and stripes to his name
He grew a beard as soon as he could to cover the scars on his face
And always urged his men on.

But on the eve of a great battle with the infantry in dream
The Old General tossed in his sleep and wrestled with its meaning
He awoke from the night to tell what he had seen
And walked slowly out of his tent

All the men held tall with their chests in the air
With the courage in their blood and a fire in their stare
And it was a gray morning and they all wondered how they would fare
Till the old general told them to go home

He said, "I have seen the others
And I have discovered
That this fight is not worth fighting
And I've seen their mothers
And I will no other to follow me where I'm going
So

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You got no time to lose
You are young men you must be living
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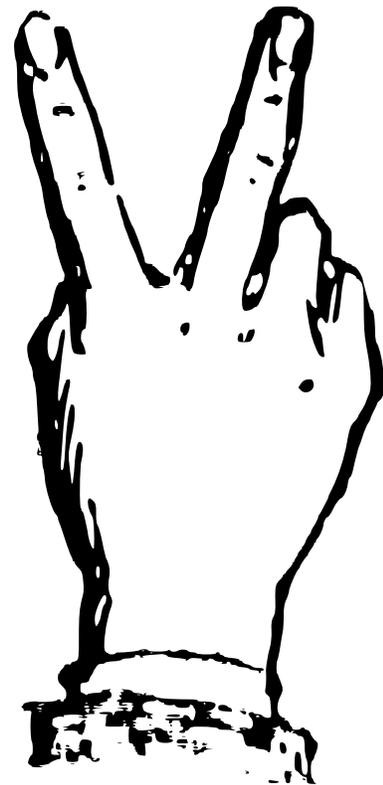
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But the men stood fast with their guns on their shoulders
Not knowing what to do with the contradicting orders
The General said he would do his own duty but he would extend it no further
The men can go as they pleased

But not a man moved their eyes gazed straight ahead
Till one by one they stepped back and not a word was said
And the old general was left with his own words echoing in his head
He then prepared to fight

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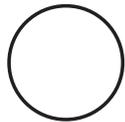
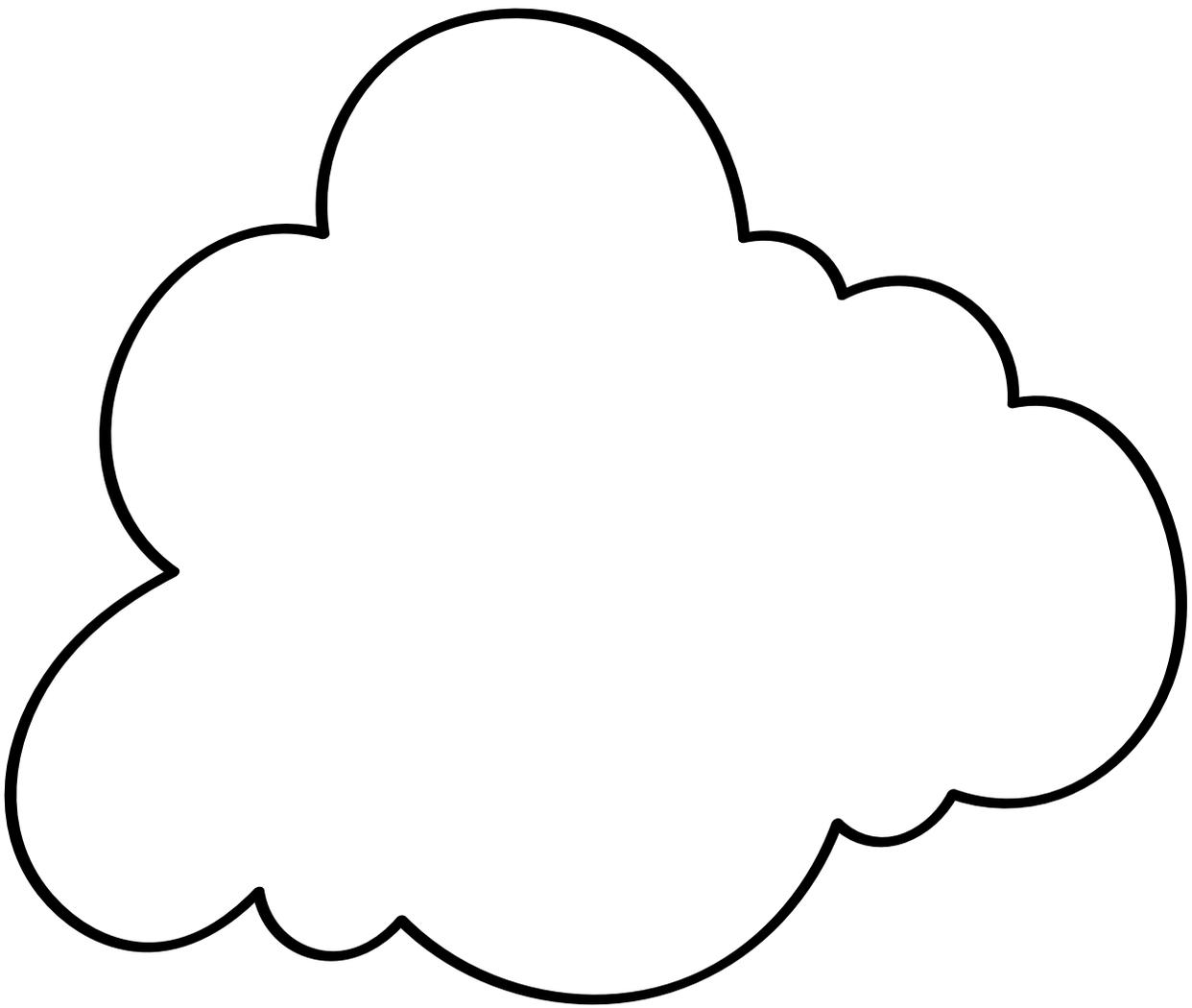
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Discuss.

1. What happened to change the general's mind about war?
2. What exactly did the general tell the soldiers to do?
3. Did the soldiers follow do what the general said?
4. Why do soldiers usually always follow orders?
5. "Old men declare war and young men die in war." Do you agree?



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In the cloud, draw and write your hopes and dreams for peace.

