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Pete Seeger and Andorra

PEACE BY ... PRACTICE ! PAIX : LA PRATIQUE
NON-MILITARISATION
Countries without armies one by one / Pays sans armée un par un

- Andorra - Andorre



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Thank you to Steven Pinker (The Better Angels of our Nature), for letting us know this wonderful song by Pete Seeger on Andorra and disarmament.

Link to the song

Merci à Steven Pinker (The Better Angels of our Nature. La part d'ange en nous), piur nisu avoir fait connaître cette merveilleuse chanson de Pete Seeger (en anglais) sur l'Andorre et le désarmement.

Lien vers la chanson (en anglais)

And the full Lyrics Et les paroles en entier. Sur demande, nous ferons la traduction française.

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Pete Seeger

Andorra

Chorus after each verse I want to go to Andorra, Andorra, Andorra, I want to go to Andorra, it's a place that I adore, They spent four dollars and ninety cents On armaments and their defense, Did you ever hear of such confidence ? Andorra, hip hurrah !

In the mountains of the Pyrenees There's an independent state, Its population five thousand souls, And I think they're simply great. One hundred and seventy square miles big And it's awfully dear to me. Spends less than five dollars on armaments, And this I've got to see.

It's governed by a council, All gentle souls and wise, They've only five dollars for armaments And the rest for cakes and pies. They didn't invest in a tommy gun Or a plane to sweep the sky, But they bought some blanks for their cap pistols To shoot on their Fourth of July.

They live by the arts of farm and field And by making shoes and hats, And they haven't got room in their tiny land For a horde of diplomats ; They haven't got room in their tiny land For armies to march about, And if anyone comes with a war budget They throw the rascals out.

I wandered clown by the Pentagon This newspaper clipping in hand I said, « I want to see everyone In McNamara's band. » I said, « Look what they did in Andorra, They put us all to shame. The least is first, the biggest is last, Let's get there just the same. »

The general said, « My dear boy, You just don't understand. We need these things to feel secure In our great and wealthy land. » I said, "If security's what you need I'll buy a couch for you, A headshrinker is cheaper and quicker And a damn site safer too.