

# The King Provides

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Oh dear, Oh God, the mothers wept  
Our sons do nothing but drink and roar  
Smoke their pot and rave and whore.  
So the king in his wisdom made them a war.

Oh no, not that, was the mothers' lament  
You could not think this what we meant.  
No matter, my dears, his majesty said,  
We'll have our peace, now they're dead.

