

# Sabaton



## Lyrics

### 1 • Sarajevo

**Music:** Joakim Brodén & Chris Rörländ

**Lyrics:** Pär Sundström & Joakim Brodén

For decades, the Austro-Hungarian empire had been a powerful influence in the heart of Europe. Resting on a legacy, their house kept stability, order, and peace. But not everyone bowed to this power.

In the Summer of 1914, the archduke Franz Ferdinand of the empire is visiting Sarajevo, unaware of the assassins awaiting him, and what will come.

Two shots are fired, and the archduke is dead.

The empire cannot let this go unpunished, and the first declaration of war is made.

From a shot that would change the world  
Tensions rise and a war is unfurled  
Nothing like what had come before  
It's the war that will end all war!

Chaos and shockwaves spread from the Balkans across the globe. Alliances are put to the test, threats exchanged, and armies are put on high alert.

In the east, the Russian Tsar is trying to calm the situation with his cousin, the Kaiser of Ger-many.

But it is all in vain, the situation is out of control.  
War is unavoidable.

The Battle of the Frontiers starts in August as soldiers cross borders and bullets are fired in rage.

War begins.

### 2 • Stormtroopers

**Music & Lyrics:** Joakim Brodén

Now there's a standstill in the war, repeating what's been done before  
It must come to an end, a few will transcend  
They were under twenty-five, and under fire they would thrive  
The Sturmman is born, their enemies scorn

A glimpse of the future, new tactics in war  
New doctrine in combat explored  
As fast as lightning, there's no time to mourn  
A glimpse of the future and Blitzkrieg is born

Strike at zero hour  
With overwhelming firepower  
They're fueled by the fear in their enemies eyes  
It's a Shock Troop infiltration  
A fast and violent escalation  
Out of the trenches the stormtroopers rise

Jägers led the way, the pioneers would join the fray  
Initiative gained, advancement sustained  
Lead through direct command, as they're advancing through the land  
Encircling their flanks, and ravage their ranks

Expose their reinforcements, destroying their lines  
New doctrine in combat aligns  
Infantry attacks, exposing the cracks  
New combat ideals, on the Kaiserschlacht's fields

### 3 • Dreadnought

**Music:** Joakim Brodén

**Lyrics:** Pär Sundström & Joakim Brodén

A shadow moves across the water in pursuit  
It splits the waves, commands the sea and defies the wind  
Instilling fear among its prey, feels nought for itself  
Ahead the sea lies calm awaiting the storm

Displace the water in its path  
Reveal the cannons, align the guns, unleash their wrath

Unopposed under crimson skies  
Immortalized, over time their legend will rise  
And their foes can't believe their eyes, believe their size, as they fall  
And the Dreadnoughts dread nothing at all

A hull of steel and all big guns to serve the fleet  
Unrivalled firepower riding the waves to war  
A devastating blow will send their foes down below  
Fearless armada now bombarding their shore

Light up the night when cannons roar  
In fear of nothing, they lead the navy into war

The North Sea has drawn them near  
The Fleet of the High Seas approach  
A contest of titans commence  
These days will dictate their fate  
The Grand Fleet prepares their guns  
Unleashed as the Dreadnoughts clash at last

## 4 • The Unkillable Soldier

**Music:** Joakim Brodén

**Lyrics:** Pär Sundström & Joakim Brodén

Into the fire through trenches and mud  
Son of Belgium and Ireland with war in his blood  
Leading the charge into hostile barrage  
By design, he was made for the frontline

Studied law, with a thirst for war  
Fought in Africa, wanted more  
Back in Europe then straight to France  
He's joining the allied advance

Through the Somme and the Devil's Wood  
All the battles that he withstood  
Born a soldier enjoyed the war  
He always kept coming for more

Never die, shot through the eye  
Never surrender however they try  
How they try, shot through the eye  
He'll never die

At the edge of madness, in a time of sadness  
An immortal soldier, finds his home  
Proven under fire, over trench and wire  
No fear of death he's unshakeable

In the battles, when he was shot  
Kept on fighting, and never stopped  
In Arras, Cambrai, Passchendaele  
Ignoring his wounds he prevailed

Save the day, he'll never stray  
Facing the foes that are coming his way  
Come his way, he'll never stray  
Saving the day

At the edge of madness, in a time of sadness  
An immortal soldier, finds his home  
Proven under fire, over trench and wire  
Forged for the war he's unbreakable  
At the edge of madness, he will show no sadness  
Never broken, he'll be back for more  
Proven under fire, over trench and wire  
No fear of death he's unshakeable

Edge of madness!  
No fear of death, he is forged for the war, he will always be coming for more

## 5 • Soldier of Heaven

**Music:** Joakim Brodén & Chris Rörlund

**Lyrics:** Pär Sundström

I won't be coming home  
I won't be going anywhere  
I will guard this post forever  
Here on the alpine slope where I did my final stand I shall remain  
Among the ice and snow that binds me to this mountain

A force of nature too strong, sent from above  
Where spirits lead the way, the winds will never fade

White Friday, I'll take the

Stairway to heaven  
I'm sky high, when I die  
I'll be immortal  
Forever, I never  
I won't return to  
Blood Mountain, I am the  
Soldier of heaven

I saw the end of war  
I watched the soldiers come and go  
And I kept my watch forever  
So many brave men fell in the battles that were raging down below  
I have seen it all but none will hear my story

All of these years I have been frozen in time  
I cried for spring to come but here, winter remain

I always dreamed that I would, serve high above  
Where spirits lead the way, the winds will never fade

## 6 • Hellfighters

**Music:** Joakim Brodén & Chris Rörlund

**Lyrics:** Joakim Brodén

From a land across the ocean, to the western front where they served  
Fought with courage and devotion, preconceptions turned  
As the spring offensive kept churning, where the men would earn their name  
See the tides of battle turning, and their foes ignite their flame

Hear the toll of the bell, kept fighting for 6 months in hell  
As the war rages on, they fight at the edge of the Argonne

Hear the toll of the bell, over 6 months in hell  
Out of the trenches they came  
As the war rages on, at the edge of the Argonne  
Hellfighters earning their name

They would have no prisoners taken, and they never lost any ground  
Earned the cross of war unshaken, never turned around  
As the armistice is drawing closer, the 369th  
Kept on fighting until it was over, and they were first to reach the Rhine

(hear the toll - both verses repeated twice)

## 7 • Race To The Sea

**Music:** Joakim Brodén

**Lyrics:** Joakim Brodén

We're keeping the kingdom free

As an archduke falls and the battle horn calls, our lives would never be the same  
We were looking down barrel of a gun  
Now the war has come and the battle has begun, we are desperate and overrun  
To the war drum we'll be marching until it's done

Lead the way, we will follow into the fray  
We will hold the line we will not be led astray

For king and for country we, are flooding the river  
Our stand at Yser will be, the end of the race to the sea  
The last piece of Belgium is free, we're keeping a sliver  
A cog in the war machine, October of 1914

As our foe draws forth we are moving on north we will never let them  
have it all  
There's a price for freedom paid by Belgium's sons  
They may take our towns, they may conquer our grounds we'll defend  
the nation and the crown.  
We'll uphold our independence with our guns

All the way, on to triumph or to judgement day  
We will follow and we will not be led astray

See a king and a soldier, fighting shoulder to shoulder  
See a king and a soldier, fighting shoulder to shoulder  
He overruled his commanders, he made a last stand in Flanders  
We see our king and a soldier, they're fighting shoulder to shoulder  
To keep the last piece of Belgium free

All the way, on to triumph or to judgement day  
We will follow and we will not be led astray

For King and for country we are flooding the river  
Our stand at Yser will be, the end of the race to the sea  
We're free  
For King and for country we are flooding the river  
No more of our country lost, the line will be held at all cost

## 8 • Lady of the Dark

**Music:** Joakim Brodén

**Lyrics:** Pär Sundström

Who shall be remembered  
In the ancient House of war?  
All the medals, all those stories  
In the Alley of the greats  
Celebrated hero, who has wandered through the dark  
She stand before you, all that metal shining bright

Lost in time, returning to the light  
Bow before, this lady fight for life  
So sister

(Chorus)

Raise your hand  
For the lady of the dark  
Soldier with no will to kill, with a philanthropic heart  
Forever  
Break the norm  
She's the girl in uniform  
Fighting side by side with men, she will fight until the end

Lied to be respected  
And to change her brothers fate  
Took a bullet, earned her freedom  
And a place among the stars  
Served the Iron squadron, served the toughest of them all  
No fear of dying, for the frontline she was born

Sacrifice, she took her brothers place  
War to war, a place where she belong  
So brother

(Chorus)

Don't fear the reaper  
Don't fear the war  
She spared the life of brothers

She'll fight for honour  
She'll fight for life  
A lady goes to war

(Chorus)

## 9 • The Valley of Death

**Music:** Joakim Brodén & Chris Rörländ

**Lyrics:** Pär Sundström & Joakim Brodén

Dug in deep, equipped for attack  
Outnumbered, determined to win  
Double trench lines that won't give in  
They're prepared let the battle begin

Here again they've done this before  
A lesson that they should have learned by now  
Reinforced with new men and guns  
Who are ready for death when it comes

United they're strong, united they're holding the line  
The Valley of Death, awaiting the British as they come their way

Their attack is coming fight them back  
Bulgarians holding the line  
Facing wave after wave, will never surrender  
Again, again, again, again  
They attack, Bulgaria held them back  
Unleash their counter barrage  
Let it rain artillery pounding the trenches  
No surrender, fight them until the end

Fortified, and made to defy  
Protected by wires and guns  
Troops as far as the eye can see  
They advance under Vazovs command

Row on row, as they come from below  
Twice they attack, twice they're beaten back  
Every time they try, they will die  
Their line of defence is still intact

For white, green and red, for the nation they're fighting for  
The British are done, three times the defence of Doiran has been won

## 10 • Christmas Truce

**Music:** Joakim Brodén

**Lyrics:** Joakim Brodén & Pär Sundström

Silence  
Oh, I remember the silence  
On a cold winter day  
After many months on the battlefield  
And we were used to the violence  
Then all the cannons went silent  
And the snow fell  
Voices sang to me from no man's land

We are all  
We are all  
We are all  
We are all friends!

And today we're all brothers  
Tonight we're all friends  
A moment of peace in a war that never ends

Today we're all brothers  
We drink and unite  
Now Christmas has arrived and the snow turns the ground white

Hear carols from the trenches  
We sing O Holy Night  
Our guns laid to rest among snowflakes  
A Christmas in the trenches  
A Christmas on the front far from home

Madness (madness)  
Oh, I remember the sadness  
(Sadness)  
We were hiding our tears  
(Hiding our tears)  
In a foreign land where we faced our fears  
(Faced our fears)

We were soldiers  
(Soldiers)  
Carried the war on our shoulders  
(Shoulders)  
For our nations  
(Nations)  
Is that why we bury our friends?  
(Bury our friends)

We were all  
We were all  
We were all  
We were all friends  
(Yes, we were friends)

And today we're all brothers  
Tonight we're all friends  
A moment of peace in a war that never ends  
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A moment of peace in a war that never ends  
Today we're all brothers  
We drink and unite  
Now Christmas has arrived and the snow turns the ground white

A Christmas on the frontline  
We walk among our friends  
We don't think about tomorrow  
The battle will commence  
When we celebrated Christmas  
We thought about our friends  
Those who never made it home

When the battle had commenced

## 11 • Versailles

**Music:** Joakim Brodén & Chris Rörlund

**Lyrics:** Pär Sundström & Joakim Brodén

The war had been raging and ravaging for 4 years, leaving millions of casualties from all sides.

In the trenches of the frontlines people have asked the question, what is the price of peace?

How many more must die?

Exactly five years after the assassination of Franz Ferdinand, Germany is forced to sign an unconditional surrender.

For the signing of this historical document, the French city of Versailles is chosen.

Signed a treaty to change the world  
Tensions fall and a peace is unfurled  
Nothing like what had come before  
It's the deal, it's the treaty that will end the war!

A fragile but hopeful peace falls upon the European continent.  
America returns to their shores, Russia tend to their own matters and the British empire disbands their colonial forces.

Parades are being held in victorious countries.  
The war that would end all wars is over.

But not everyone agrees. In the underground something is growing in the dark.

Because for some the war never ended.

War will never entirely die, it will evolve, it will change and War will return, sooner than we think.

From a shot that would change the world  
Tensions rise and a war is unfurled  
Nothing like what had come before  
It's the war that will end all war!

Will this war really end all wars?

Can a war really end all war?

Will this war bring another war?

It's the war that will end all wars!

