



## **If You Want It—Yes, We Want It (*War is Over*)**

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One of my favorite Christmas songs is by John Lennon with the chorus sung by Yoko Ono and the Harlem Community Choir—titled Happy Xmas (War is Over).

*So this is Christmas  
And what have you done  
Another year over  
Another just begun*

Lennon is clear, Christmas is here, a year has gone by...yet, how have you helped others, have you reflected on who you are as a person—a message of personal accountability.

*A very Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year  
Let's hope it's a good one  
Without any fear*

Has fear held you back? For me, this answer is yes; fear always seems to creep in. Whether it be worrying for the success of my two boys, the health of my parents, the work I do as Superintendent, or the overall progress of humanity—fear seems to be present.

So I wonder, what if I want to remove fear? Is it possible that fear does serve a purpose?

Lennon continues to sing, with Yoko and the choir overlaying with the chorus. The children's voices are like angels.

*War is over  
If you want it  
War is over  
If you want it*

John Lennon wanted the Vietnam War and the seemingly endless string of wars to end. Today, I want it and I believe we all want it.

While eliminating fear may not be possible, I believe fear doesn't have to drive our decisions. Personal accountability, reflecting from within, allows one to be in service to others while ridding oneself of a victim mindset. This is what I will do.

This coming Christmas and New Year is for everyone: "*for weak and for strong, for rich and for the poor... for black and for white...for yellow and red ones—let's stop all the fight.*"

Let us close with the culture of Ellington High School that is filled with peace and joy for all—yes, we want it.

[VIDEO - If You Want It—Yes, We Want It \(\*War is Over\*\)](#)

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year—Yes, We Want It