Until the philosophy which hold one race superior  
And another  
Inferior  
Is finally  
And permanently  
Discredited  
And abandoned -  
Everywhere is war -  
Me say war.  
  
That until there no longer  
First class and second class citizens of any nation  
Until the colour of a man's skin  
Is of no more significance than the colour of his eyes -  
Me say war.  
  
That until the basic human rights  
Are equally guaranteed to all,  
Without regard to race -  
Dis a war.  
  
That until that day  
The dream of lasting peace,  
World citizenship  
Rule of international morality  
Will remain in but a fleeting illusion to be pursued,  
But never attained -  
Now everywhere is war - war.  
  
And until the ignoble and unhappy regimes  
that hold our brothers in Angola,  
In Mozambique,  
South Africa  
Sub-human bondage  
Have been toppled,  
Utterly destroyed -  
Well, everywhere is war -  
Me say war.  
  
War in the east,  
War in the west,  
War up north,  
War down south -  
War - war -  
Rumours of war.  
And until that day,  
The African continent  
Will not know peace,  
We Africans will fight - we find it necessary -  
And we know we shall win  
As we are confident  
In the victory  
  
Of good over evil -  
Good over evil, yeah!  
Good over evil -  
Good over evil, yeah!  
Good over evil -  
Good over evil, yeah! *[fadeout]*

**“War” – Bob Marley**

**Response Questions**

1. What is the theme of this speech/song?
2. In the song, Bob Marley refers to basic human rights. What are basic human rights?
3. Do these lyrics have any parallels (similarities) to speeches given by any other leaders (think 1963)? If so, whose?
4. Why do you think the people of Africa have been unsuccessful in accomplishing lasting peace?