

Indian Wars

Bruce Cockburn

Capo 4th fret = original key - Intro - Am-C X4

Am C
Out in the desert - where the wind never stops
Am C
A few simple people - try to grow a few crops
F C Fmaj7
Trying to maintain - a life and a home
C G C
On land that was theirs - before the Romans thought of Rome

Am C
A few dozen survivors - ragged but proud
Am C
With a few woolly sheep - under gathering cloud
F C Fmaj7
It's never been easy - or free from strife
C G C
But the pulse of the land - is the pulse of their life

F C
You thought it was over - but it's just like before
Dm G C
Will there never be an end to the Indian wars
F C
You thought it was over - but it's just like before
Dm G C
Will there never be an end to the Indian wars

Break - Am-C Am-C

Am C
It's not breech-loading rifles - and wholesale slaughter
Am C
It's kickbacks and thugs - and diverted water
F C Fma7
Treaties get signed - and the papers change hands
C G C
But they might as well draft - these agreements in sand

Am C
Noble savage - on the cinema screen
Am C
An Indian's good - when he cannot be seen
Am C Fmaj7
And the so-called white - so-called race
C G C
Digs for itself - a pit of disgrace

F C
You thought it was over - but it's just like before
Dm G C
Will there never be an end to the Indian wars
F C
You thought it was over - but it's just like before
Dm G C
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Outtro -- Am-C ... Am-C