

Sky Pilot
Eric Burdon and the Animals

[Intro] (acapella):

He blesses the boys as they stand in line
They smell of gun grease and their bayonets they shine
He's there to help them all that he can
To make them feel wanted, he's a good holy man
(man)

[Chorus]

Bb Eb Bb
Sky... pilot
Bb Eb Bb
Sky... pilot
Cm Bb
How high can you fly
Cm Bb
You'll never (never) (never) reach the sky

[Verse 1]

Cm Eb
He smiles at the young soldiers, tells them it's all right
Cm Eb
He knows of their fear in the forthcoming flight
Cm Eb
Soon there'll be blood and many will die
Cm F
Mothers and fathers back home they will cry

[Chorus]

Bb Eb Bb
Sky... pilot
Bb Eb Bb
Sky... pilot
Cm Bb
How high can you fly
Cm Bb
You'll never (never) (never) reach the sky
[Verse 2]

Cm

Eb

He mumbles a prayer and it ends with a smile

Cm

Eb

The order is given, they move down the line

Cm

Eb

But he'll stay behind and he'll meditate

Cm

F

But it won't stop the bleeding or ease the hate

[Verse 3]

Cm

Eb

And the young men move out into the battle zone

Cm

Eb

He feels good, with God you're never alone

Cm

Eb

He feels so tired and he lays on his bed

Cm

F

Hopes the men will find courage in the words that he said

[Chorus]

Bb Eb Bb

Sky... pilot

Bb Eb Bb

Sky... pilot

Cm

Bb

How high can you fly

Cm

Bb

You'll never (never) (never) reach the sky

[Interlude]

[Verse 4]

Cm

Eb

You're soldiers of God, you must understand

Cm

Eb

The fate of your country is in your young hands

Cm

Eb

May God give you strength, do your job real well

Cm

F

If it all was worth it, only time it will tell

[Verse 5]

Cm **Eb**
In the morning they returned with tears in their eyes
Cm **Eb**
The stench of death drifts up to the skies
Cm **Eb**
A young soldier so ill looks at the Sky Pilot
Cm **F**
Remembers the words, "Thou shalt not kill"

[Chorus]

Bb **Eb** **Bb**
Sky... pilot
Bb **Eb** **Bb**
Sky... pilot
Cm **Bb**
How high can you fly
Cm **Bb**
You'll never (never) (never) reach the sky

Coda [repeat to fade]:

Cm **Eb** **Bb**
You'll never (never) (never) reach the sky