

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]

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[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

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[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]

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Coda [repeat to fade]:

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