

**Children's Crusade**  
**Sting**

Intro: In **Cm** position pluck the three top strings.

Verse 1:

**Cm Cm F F**  
Young men and soldiers, nineteen fourteen.

**Cm Cm F F**  
Marching through countries they'd never seen

**Cm Cm F F**  
Virgins with rifles, a game of charades

**C# Cm Bb**  
All for a children's crusade

Verse 2: Follow same format as verse 1

Pawns in the game are not victims of chance  
Strewn on the fields of Belgium and France  
Poppies for young men, death's bitter trade  
All of those young lives betrayed

Chorus:

**C# G# C# G#**  
The children of England would never be slaves

**C# Cm G#**  
They're trapped on the wire and dying in waves

**C# G# C# G#**  
The Flower of England face down in the mud

**C# Cm G#**  
And stained in the blood of a whole generation

Verse 3: follow same format as verse 1

Corpulent generals safe behind lines  
History's lessons drowned in red wine  
Poppies for young men, death's bitter trade  
All of those young lives betrayed

Instrumental solo

Bass line during instrumental is:

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E-----|          Repeat this throughout the instrumental
B-----|
G-----|
D----0-----|
A-0-2--0-2-----|
E-----0-----|
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Repeat Chorus

Verse 3: follow same format as in verse 1

Midnight in Soho nineteen eighty-four  
Fixing in door ways, opium slaves  
Poppies for young men, death s bitter trade  
All of those young lives betrayed  
All for a children s crusade.

Fade.