Children's Crusade
Sting

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

Verse 1:

Bbm Bbm Eb Eb
Young men and soldiers, nineteen fourteen.

Bbm Bbm Eb Eb
Marching through countries they d never seen

Bbm Bbm Eb Eb
Virgins with rifles, a game of charades

B Bbm G#
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:

B F# B F#
The children of England would never be slaves

B Bbm F#
They re trapped on the wire and dying in waves

B F# B F#
The Flower of England face down in the mud

B Bbm F#
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.