

# Eric Burdon & The Animals, Year Of The Guru

(Burdon/Weider/Briggs/McCulloch/Jenkins)

My leader told me to jump in the river  
The river was deep and the weather was winter  
After a sailer very kindly saved me  
My leader told me, you'd better take it easy  
I took it so easy my leader called me lazy

Through the lack of red meat  
Everything was getting hazy  
Friends looked at me and said,  
Man, you gotta be crazy

Oh, oh leader

My leader said son you'd better get yourself together  
Never mind the fools who know what we're getting into  
But a forty mile walk would do us both a world of good  
And he sat down and watched me take off down the road

Well, I walked so far my feet began to bleed  
If this was good for me I just couldn't see it  
A motorist picked me up and said  
Look man, you must be crazy

Oh, oh leader  
Oh, oh leader

My leader came to see me in a hospital bed  
Well at least I really knew that my leader really cared  
After giving me a second-hand roach  
He said where's your donation man,  
It's all for a good cause.

He left me all alone to work the riddle out  
But I just couldn't make it so I began to shout  
They stuck a hypodermic deep down into me  
Said, look out nurse I think we got a loony

Oh, oh leader  
Okay baby follow me now  
Follow your leader  
All right

Now here I sit in a state-run asylum  
Limitless, friendless but much more together  
I decided to do some good book readin'  
About the art of people leadin'

Now I'm the leader and they're being led  
What's the matter if they're crazy till you hear what I've said  
Being the leader is really where its at  
But just how long can a good thing last

Oh, oh leader  
Oh, oh leader

Now listen to this baby  
This is the year of the guru  
Now the thing to do is to ask yourself  
What can a guru do for me?  
Then you say to yourself  
I gotta get a guru