

## Rocket Rider's Prayer

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*Steve*

C G7  
When the rocket stands before us like a tower of glass and steel  
C G7  
Then no words in any language can express the way we feel  
C F C  
Mingled joy and hope and terror as we're starting on our way  
F C G C  
And we suddenly consider that it just might help to pray.

C G7  
So pray to great green Mother Earth and the grim old god of Space,  
C G7  
And the gods of flame and metal whom we've summoned to this place.  
C F C  
Oh you gods of flight and physics, now you have us in your care;  
F C G C  
We hope that you will listen to a rocket rider's prayer.

*Callie*

So first let's pray to Vulcan, ugly god of forge and flame,  
And also wise Minerva, now we glorify your name,  
May you aid our ship's designers now and find it in your hearts  
To please help the lowest bidders who've constructed all her parts!

*Steve*

As we're lifting off it's Mercury who'll help us in our need  
Not only as the patron god of health and flight and speed  
We hope that he will guard us as we're starting on our trip  
As the god of Thieves and Liars, like the ones who built this ship.

*Callie*

If we make it into orbit where the sky is starry black  
We'll have time to praise old Mother Earth and hope she wants us back  
And tell all the other deities who've helped us on our way  
That it's nice to visit Heaven, but we didn't come to stay.

*Steve*

Now we're coming down from orbit back to where the air is thick  
With no engines and the glidepath of a highly polished brick  
And with nothing but those tiles between our hides and flaming Hell,  
Better pray to Hell's own Pluto that they glued those suckers well.

*Both*

So now we're back on Earth again; the sky's a lovely blue.  
All you deities we didn't name, you know we love you too.  
We hope that you're not angry and you'll keep us in your grace;  
We may need your help the next time that we're heading into space.

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