

# The Way We Live

KRS-One

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We stay hot like Tulsa  
Knowledge Reigns Supreme, followed by a number ONE  
These rappers they do-run-run  
Lyrically they flashin two guns with new funds  
But politically they do-run-run  
When it's time to build, they chill, gettin nuttin done  
But they mouth yes they do-run-run

I've, heard, just about all that I can hear  
We talk, and talk, but this talkin is goin nowhere  
I've, been, to the summits and conferences  
And the people man, they'll tell you man  
Hip-Hop is the way we live

If you're down for this nation, Hip-Hop the nation  
Three generations, fourth in the waitin  
Look at what we facin, mainstream penetration  
Everyone's a biter now, no innovation  
No syncopation, lost communication  
Here's what we gotta do to fix the situation  
First step - know what you creatin  
Hip-Hop the culture, the consciousness, a new civilization

Everybody, c'mon unite now  
Turn on the light now, stop all the fight now  
Time to unite now, a new type of life now  
No stress no strife, no gun no knife now  
No board no pipe now, we seein the light now  
Bein the light now, the future is right now  
Hip-Hop is like WOW, ready to fight now  
Sick of the hype now, just about right now

I, hear, uhh, hip-hop is callin me  
The fact you must see sir, rap is not all of me  
I use that to reach ya, rappers be borin me  
Redo the industry with a two dollar royalty  
What's the agenda, to hip-hop and politics  
Don't you remember? The violence we stoppin this  
Kris will defend the, hip-hop populist  
The solution is simple, raise up yo' consciousness

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