I have a dream of a scene between the green hills Clouds pull away and the sunlight's revealed People don't talk about keeping it real It's understood that they actually will And intoxicated and stimulated emcees Staring in the trees, paranoid, are gone in the breeze Watch them flee, hip-hop hits Take a walk with me and what you'll see Is a land where the sand is made up of crushed up wax And the sky beyond you is krylon blue And everybody speaks in a dialect of rhyme And emcees have left materialism behind them Meanwhile I just grip my mic And hope me and my team make it do alright Because say what you will, and say what you might But don't ignore who it's for at the end of the night

Because this is dedicated to the kids

Dedicated to wherever music lives

Dedicated to those tired of the same ol' same

And dedicated to the people advancin' the game

What's real is the kids who know that something's wrong

What's real is the kids who think they don't belong

What's real is the kids who have nowhere to run

Who are hiding in the shadows waiting for the sun

I've seen a lot of shit, I've talked to a bum
Out on sunset strip, he asked me "How would you feel
If everybody acted like you didn't exist
You'd lose your grip, probably eventually flip."
So let it be known, the only reason that we do this
Is so you can pick it up and just bang your head to it
While emcees fight to see who can be the commonest
Be floatin overhead like a space odyssey monolith
Over seeing the game, over being part of the same ol' thing
It's all gonna change in a hurricane of darkness and pain
And acidic rain and promises that you won't do it again
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Pulling me close, the shadow is warm inside
This is where I feel at home, this is my place to hide
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What's real, everybody who doesn't feel safe

What's real, everybody who knows they're out of place

What's real, anybody with nowhere to run

Who hides in the shadows waiting for the sun