

# Why Is That

Boogie Down Productions

The day begins with a grin  
And a prayer to excuse my sins  
I can walk anywhere I choose  
'Cause everybody listens to the B.D.P. crew  
We're not here for glamor or fashion  
But here's the question I'm askin'  
Why is it young black kids taught black?  
They're only taught how to read, write and act  
It's like teachin' a dog to be a cat  
You don't teach white kids to be black  
Why is that? Is it because we're the minority?  
Well, black kids follow me  
Genesis chapter eleven verse ten  
Explains the genealogy of Shem  
Chem was a black man in Africa  
If you repeat this fact they can't laugh at ya  
Genesis fourteen verse thirteen  
Abraham steps on the scene  
Being a descendant of Shem which is a fact  
Means, Abraham too was black  
Abraham born in the city of a black man  
Called Nimrod, grandson of Kam  
Kam had four sons, one was named Canaan  
Here, let me do some explaining  
Abraham was the father of Isaac  
Isaac was the father of Jacob  
Jacob had twelve sons for real  
And these were the children of Israel  
According to Genesis chapter ten  
Egyptians descended from Ham  
Six hundred years later my brother read up  
Moses was born in Egypt  
In this era black Egyptians weren't right  
They enslaved black Israelites  
Moses had to be of the black race  
Because he spent forty years in Pharaoh's place  
He passed as the Pharaoh's grandson  
So he had to look just like him  
Yes, my brothers and sisters take this here song  
Yo, correct the wrong  
The information we get today is just wack  
But ask yourself, why is that?  
The age of the ignorant rapper is done  
Knowledge reigns supreme over nearly everyone  
The stereotype must be lost  
That love and peace and knowledge is soft  
Do away with that and understand one fact  
For love, peace must attack  
And attack real strong, stronger than war  
To conquer it and its law  
Mental pictures, stereotypes and fake history  
Reinforces mystery  
And when mystery is reinforced  
That only means that knowledge has been lost  
When you know who you really are  
Peace and knowledge shines like a star  
I've only shown you a simple fact

It takes a nation of millions to hold us people back  
Which is wack but we can correct that  
Teach and learn what it is to be black  
'Cause they're teachin' birds to be a cat  
But ask yourself homeboy, why is that?