

## Know Thy Self

KRS-One

You ready to go? I'm ready to go  
What about y'all, y'all ready to go? (yeah aight yeah) I'm ready to go  
Look

Know thy self, and thou shalt know  
The universe and God (whoa-ohh-ohh)

God is the mother, the father, the friend  
Know ye not that ye must be born again?  
What does it mean to be in the world but not of it  
It means you want the cars the cash the jewels the house but you don't love it  
It means to taxes regulation state law you live above it  
It means you a FREE hip-hopper, you ain't nobody's puppet  
You don't see no money on me, you see it up in the cupboard  
You see me up in Toys'R'Us, with my seeds cause they love it  
You see insurance flash out, if my kids pass out  
You see seven acres of land where we can all spaz out  
To all my fathers that fathered, hold your head up for starters  
Teach your toddlers, not to be thieves and robbers  
This that other kind of rap, that leads to true hip-hop  
There's other kinds of raps, but they lead you to get shot  
The choice is yours, you gettin older now  
You got a kid comin, how you gonna hold it down?  
It's one thing to be iced out and rocked up  
What's the point if you're gettin locked up?

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It's really time we separate the young men from the big men  
The young girls from the women, whatever the title that fit them  
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My style designed to open a child's mind when I spit them  
I only got a little bit of time to really rhyme and uplift them  
You see them brothers talkin about that crime? Forgive them  
It won't be long before they words manife