

## Step Up

Linkin Park

Watch as the room rocks  
Mentally moonwalk  
Mixed media slang  
Banging in your boom box verbal violence  
Lyrical stylist  
In a time when rock hip hop rhymes are childish  
You can't tempt me with rhymes that are empty  
Rapping to a beat doesn't make you an MC  
With your lack of skill and facility  
You're killing me  
And a DJ in the group just for credibility  
I heard that some of you are getting help with your rhymes  
You're not an emcee if someone else writes your lines  
And rapping over rock doesn't make you a pioneer  
Cause rock and hip hop have collaborated for years  
But now they're getting randomly mixed and matched up  
All after a fast buck and all the tracks suck  
So how does it stack up? None of it's real  
You want to be an emcee you've got to study the skill

Who can rock a rhyme like this?  
Bring it to you every time like this?  
Who can rock a rhyme like this?  
Step, step up, step, step up

So you pick up a pen and write yourself a new identity  
But mentally you don't have the hip hop energy  
With a tendency to make up stories  
Sounding like the only hip hop you've heard is top 40  
And your record company is completely missing it  
All the kids are dissing it for not being legitimate  
So in a battle you can't hack it  
React with whack shit  
And get smacked with verbal back flips  
Get your ass kicked by fabulous battle catalysts  
It's taken decades for emcees to establish this  
You're new to hip hop and welcome if your serious  
But not on the mic  
Leave that to the experienced

(Using the waves of sound the true master paralyzes his opponents, leaving him vulnerable to attack)

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