

# The Voice

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Lord, have mercy

Bang! - A gunshot rings out  
13-year-old baby falls 2 the ground  
See the killer runnin' down the street  
Tell me killer, can U hear the sound?

Tap, tap, tappin' on your window like a fallin' rain  
Cryin' like a baby in a cradle sayin' pick me up again

Ching! - Mr. Politician goes on vacation  
Brings along a friend or 2  
In the disguise of taxes  
Mr. Politician (sends) sends the bill 2 U know who

Tap, tap, tappin' on your window like a fallin' rain  
(Tappin' on my window like a fallin' rain)  
Cryin' like a baby in a cradle sayin' pick me up again  
(Cryin' like a baby, pick me up)  
Can't U hear the voice? (Oh yeah)

The nightsticks are still singin'  
4-part harmony on brother's back  
Justice is doomed when we don't start no S-H  
And there's still some I-T in all of that

Tap, tap, tappin' on your window like a fallin' rain  
(Can't U hear it tappin' like a fallin' rain fine-tune  
cryin' like a baby?)  
Cryin' like a baby in a cradle sayin' pick me up again  
(Pick me up, pick me up)  
I'm talkin' about the voice, y'all

Ha, suky, suky now  
Sho'mon (Tap)  
Sho'mon (Tap)  
Help me here (Tap)  
Tappin' (Tap)  
Tappin', tappin', ha ha (Tap)  
Tap on it, tap on it (Tap) (Tap)

Can't U see it's just dirty money?  
If your brother man is dyin' in the flow  
Take off these chains (Tap) (Tap)  
And listen 2 the voice callin' (Tap)  
We gotta go, gotta go (Tap) (Tap)

Tap, tap, tappin' on your window like a fallin' rain  
(Oh yeah, like a fallin' rain)  
Cryin' like a baby in a cradle sayin' pick me up again  
(Cryin' like a baby, pick me up, pick me up)

5-4-3-2-1, keep the war over (Tap)  
But how many wanna keep the peace (Tap) (Tap)  
We keep buildin' guns when we could build love (Tap)  
(When we need 2 build love)  
Cuz that's when the war will cease

U know it, U know it (Tap) (Tap)  
Can't U hear the voices? (Tap) (Tap)  
Can't U hear the sound? (Tap)  
Take heed, get your house in order (Tap)

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(Tappin', tappin' like a.. like a fallin' rain)  
Cryin' like a baby in a cradle sayin' pick me up again  
(Cryin' like a baby, pick me up, pick me up)

Sighin' like a woman on fire  
When she's ready 4 some of your love  
(Born ready 4 all of your love)  
The voice is just a-steady-callin'  
(The voice is callin')  
Until U give in, until U give up