

# KRS-One, Never Give Up

[KRS-One]

Gather 'round, gather 'round, ha  
Metaphysical style, spiritual style, the ORIGINAL style, ha  
Yes.. let's do it

[Chorus]

- you can never give up, you should never give up  
- you can never give up, we can never give up  
- you can never give up, you can never give up  
- you should never give up, we can never give up, you can never give up

[KRS-One]

Yeah, yeah  
Y'all don't really know about the KRS rap  
Y'all don't really about why we stay trapped  
Y'all don't really know hip-hop ain't rap  
But let me tell you how we can get it all back  
First realize givin up is wack  
Say to yourself I can never be wack  
Then realize that we must go back  
And the reason you can't seem to get on track  
is you, keep, buying, HOES, simple and plain  
You, keep, buying, HOES, all y'all know my name  
And how I get down and move around  
I've already been to the proving ground  
In conscious rap, who rule the sound  
The question is are you down?

[Chorus] w/ minor variations

[KRS-One]

Look - KRS-One, I've learned already  
Everything they doin is temporary  
No matter how big you live  
You still the creation of a music executive  
And when you get old no matter what you did  
They throw you away and they pimp your kid  
Yeah kids, on the TV whylin  
You know why we got racial profilin?  
Cause you, keep, buying, HOES, simple and plain  
You, keep, buying, HOES, all y'all know my name  
So there in the future we'll look back  
And then we will see we were under attack  
But it'll be too late, the loss'll be too great  
You'll see, just wait!

[Chorus] w/ minor variations

[KRS-One]

C'mon, c'mon, yeah c'mon  
You see how they shuttin down KRS-One  
Cause I'm not sexy, thuggin or dumb  
Ask yourself -  
- why they only promotin criminal activity and nothin else?  
On the videos and on the radio  
Teachin our kids which way to go  
And the way that they tell our kids to go  
If you listen, heads right straight to prison  
While you, keep, buying, HOES, simple and plain  
You, keep, buying, HOES, y'all better peep the game  
You got to release that temptation  
Get a brand new affirmation  
Your life is what you make 'em  
Peace, salaam alaikum

[Chorus] w/ minor variations