

Kurtis Blow, If I Ruled The World

[Rhino Records: "80's Underground Rap - Can I Kick It?"]

[Kurtis Blow]
Huh-huh-huh, UH UH
Uh-huh, huh, huh, mm mmm
.. mm mmm
Yes yes y'all
The best y'all, yes yes y'all
Huh, huh, huh, huh.. yes y'all

If I ruled the world, was king on the throne
I'd make peace in every culture, build the homeless a home
I'm not runnin, for Congress or the President
I'm just here, to tell the world, how my story went
You see - first it was a dream, I was livin in Rome
And then I moved to London, bought a brand new home
And everywhere I went, I drew lots of attention
Like a stretch limousine, one of those new inventions
It took a few years 'fore the day had come
But I was ruler of the WORLD ranked number one
So I headed towards Washington to claim the crown
Let the whole world know that, the King was in town
As I, arrived, the crowd started to cheer
and then someone yelled out, "The King is here!"
So I headed toward stage, to make a speech
about the new style of living I was gonna teach, uh-huh

If I ruled the world..
Huh-huh, huh-huh uh-huh uh-huh
I'd love all the girls.. I love em love em baby!!
Black diamonds and pearls.. ooh yeahh yeahh
If I ruled the world..

People started flowin as they reached for my hand
I said, "Thank you for bringin me to the Promised Land
but now I must go, say goodbye to everybody
Tonight I'll see you all at my Super Dinner Party"
And late that night, at my Super Dinner Party
I was dancin to the beat and entertainin La-Di-Da-Di
The music started endin, it was time for a speech
The crowd started sittin as I rose from my feet
And this was once a dream; I explained to the crowd
but now, I rule the world, and I feel, so very proud
Excuse me please, for stoppin this show
I just had to thank you all, huh, and me so
my first day in office, the King on the throne
I spent my first three hours on the telephone
You know with newsmen reporters, and votes too
I had so many calls, I didn't know what to do
You know out that office I continued to work
I signed so many papers, my fingers started to hurt
Then I shook off the pain, say this ain't no thing
Cause there's nothin in the world like bein number one KING!

If I ruled the world..
Huh huh huh huh, huh-huh huh-huh
I'd love all the girls.. I love em love em baby!!
Black diamonds and pearls.. ooh yeahh yeahh
If I ruled the world.. whoawowaahhhyeahhhhhhhh
.. if I ruled the world

[AJ Scratch cuts up the track for a bit]

Now I rule the world and now, I'm on top

And I'm rollin with folks that could never be stopped
And I'm here to let you know this is where I belong
And to you sucker MC's that sing my song
And it's a song that's STRONG about right and wrong
And I'm rock it to you baby baby all night long
And it's a song about love, and happiness
in a world of peace, and you know that's fresh
Now I'm the KING, and I want you to know
that I'm the Master Blaster Rapper who's runnin the show
And to all of you rappers in every country
you better stop what you're doin, and listen to me
Cause we gotta stop war, and use unity
to fight crime and hunger and poverty
Cause the African baby is dyin overseas
while you sucker mission politicians bustin out Z's
Huh, twenty million people all unemployed
while the rich man try to play Pretty Boy Floyd
While the working class just struggles hard
Try to make ends meet against all odds
While the poor man can't even deal with life
You know he tried to escape, and smoked the coke on the pipe
And it's time for a CHANGE, to a better way
Cause the sun has GOTTA shine through the cloudy day
So LISTEN UP world, while I teach this class
and take heed to the message or we ain't gonna last
Cause I know, the solution, is the contribution
of woman and man to just join the revolution
that'll take your brain to a higher plane
and help you deal in a world that's gone insane
with the problems that I know we can stop
from the ruler of the world and the man on top
But the years went by, and time was up
And the ruler of the world had ran out of luck
And all the people at the time who said they were my friends
didn't know me when my job had come to an end
They came up to my face, as happy as can be
He was running his mouth like, Muhammad Ali
So I shook his hand calmly as I headed to the door
On my way to the ghetto to treat once more

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A-huh-huh-huh, a-huh-huh-huh
I'd love all the girls.. I love em love em baby!!
Black diamonds and pearls.. ooh yeahh yeahh
If I ruled the world.. yeahhhhhhhh
If I ruled the world.. if I ruled the world
I'd love all the girls.. I'd love em love em baby!!
Black diamonds and pearls.. ooh yeahh yeahh, oh yeah yeah
If I ruled the world.. whoahahayeahhhhhhhh
If I ruled the world.. yeahyeahyeahyeahyeahyeah
yea yea yea, yea yea yea
I'd love all the girls.. you know I'd love em love em baby!!
Black diamonds and pearls.. ooh yeahh yeahh, oh yeah yeah
If I ruled the world.. yeayeah yeayeah baby babyyyyyyy
If I ruled the world.. if I ruled the world..
I'd love all the girls.. yes you, you, you and you
Black diamons and pearls.. where those diamonds, where those pearls?
If I ruled the world..
Huh-huh, huh-huh, a-heh-heh-huh-huh
If I ruled the world..
Heh-heh, heh-heh
I'd love all the girls.. I'd love em love em baby.