

# Lexicon, Charismatic Rapper

Let me take you back to the day when MC's were short  
And rap wasn't treated like a little league sport  
On this, "Mom I wanna rap when I come of age"  
And every MC could control the stage  
Remember back then, after the backspin  
Before everyone who's a fan was rappin  
Back when every album had a classic track  
And if it was on sale then the shit was wack  
Back when on Tuesday you could find me at the Warehouse  
Every new release on one receipt

(You remember it man?) I remember it well  
Back when Rick the Ruler was still locked in jail

Back a half a decade, when everyone had a fade  
And I taped every video that Rap City played  
Before Black Sheep broke up, L.O.N.S. broke up  
The Soul Brothers broke up, Tribe broke up  
We were all smoked up, big East coast fam  
Before Jive became focused only on boy bands  
Before Rawkus, Fat Beats, Bad Boy or No Limit  
Before I had a chance to come out independent  
When "Unsigned Hype" was a sign of who's next  
Before rap artists saw six figure checks  
Back when, major labels were screwin MC's  
and Nirvana and Pearl Jam ran MTV  
When a group put an album out, every few years  
Back when people made music for the listeners ears

(You remember it man?) It wasn't too long ago  
Before we were old enough to go to a show

It was just before all the major labels merged  
Before rappers started usin scientific words  
Back when rap fans had a common bond  
If I heard a beat, I could name the song  
Before every damn track was about a par-tay  
And Fellowship resided on 4th and Broadway  
When I used to lay in my bed with my walkman on  
Listenin to mix shows 'til the break of dawn  
Back when rap was half mellow, half thug  
Just before the mainstream, was controlled by Suge  
Before Biggie got shot, before 'Pac got shot  
Back when rap was different than what the mainstream thought  
Before Hilfiger knew, we were wearin his clothes  
Before beats took importance over lyrics and flows  
Back when Common loved rap, and I did too  
And every group or MC was a part of a crew  
Before everyone was preachin on the five elements  
And music in videos had no relevance  
Before the reunion of Guy, and EPMD  
Remember when we all had a favorite MC?  
Cats had personality in the last chapter  
Let's bring it back to the charismatic rapper

One two, testin one two  
Alright party people in the place to be  
The party has already started, and it's about to end..

{\*scratched: "rap is outta control";\*}