

# KRS-One, Why

[KRS-One] Class in session. What, is, democracy?

[student] Yo it's the rule of the people. The self rule.

[student] It's what the people want!

[K] That's right. But is this a democracy?

[s] Nah, democracy is a goal to be attained.

[K] That's right. The character of the people should be reflected

[K] in the laws and the institution of the state.

[s] Psssh, I don't see my character reflected!

[K] Tell me

[Chorus One: KRS-One]

WHY, are all the schools they fallin apart  
and WHY, the youth not takin no musical art  
and WHY, the professionals really don't know where to start  
No, one, really, cares, about  
WHY, the people ain't trustin the law and the order  
and WHY, the hookers from 70's look like our daughters  
and WHY, the radio station they help with the slaughter  
No, one, really, cares, about

[KRS-One]

The mind, they usin until it's time they doin a rhyme  
will ruin what you doin if you crime pursuin  
Let me tell you bout gettin your family out the mean ghetto  
to green meadows, where you can finally be settled  
That street level, freak level, pullin out heat level  
Eatin meat level, deceit level, that's that beast level  
You gotta stand upright in a house with three levels  
Where you don't even see devils unless he shovels the snow  
Many philosophers live on the low  
Never crazy hazy or lazy we get up and go  
Whaddya know, I'm always teaching after the show  
Not messin with hoes, I'm with my wife, changin my clothes  
Blowin my nose, deliverin blows to foes  
with new flows; then disappear where nobody knows  
Cause I got too many questions, too many lessons  
I gotta go, too many people stressin but I gotta know

[Chorus Two: KRS-One]

WHY, these officers gunnin us down on our block  
and WHY, the President never steps in on these cops  
and WHY, the mayor don't even look like he in shock  
No, one, really, cares, about  
WHY, the call of the poor is always ignored  
and WHY, the senators governors breakin the law  
and WHY, they taxin and taxin and taxin the poor  
No, one, really, cares, about

[KRS-One]

You, me, or themselves you can tell, they livin in hell  
But they come on the TV lookin so swell  
Sellin you dreams of schemes of you gettin green and cream  
But they never explain the work and all it means  
You got to visualize, close the lid on your eyes  
and visualize, minimize lies  
See yourself bigger in size, quicker to rise up  
wise up climb up, before your time's up but

[Chorus One]

[s] The votes

[K] That's right

[s] The politics

[K] That's right

[s] The government you know!

[K] Uh-huh, people basically have the government they want

[s] If people felt dissed, they'd be out rebellin right now