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## Roots, The "Why"

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WHY?? [6 x's]

Sky's the limit so you know I'm gonna rise and shine I gotta do my thing, I'm kinda getting a little tired of all that's hidden

That's the reason I'm a speak my mind, keep from going insane

Now work with it, we in the last innin'

The world keeps spinnin', my peoples steady losin' while the rich keep winnin'

It's like we neva smilin' and the devil steady grinnin' killin' what we representin'

Even our children and women, 2K4, livin' above and under the law

Young teen joins the marines, says he'll die for the core

Inducted up into the government's war as if the land of money and oil

Funny how ain't none of it yours

I can't sleep yo I'm paranoid, it's code orange It's far from right, I guess that's why it feels so wrong To see the world get stripped out of every resource And people pray to Coca-Cola now instead of the gods What's goin' on?

WHY?? [6 x's]

Keepin' your head above water, hustlin' to survive Some people chasin' a dream, others just chasin' a high

Some people blind leading the blind, they chasin' a lie Some people chokin' backs broken barely makin' it by But still they workin' all they live, they pushin' for the light

Givin' everything they got to stitch them swishes on ya Nike's

Puttin' pockets on our jeans, mining diamonds for them rings

Rewarded with small change and bullets in they brains And it makes me feel strange everything we take for granted At times I feel stranded on this planet of mine Now should I pull the hammer, clap it out, and laugh about it

Or stand up, be counted while I cast my ballot When the undertaker's busy and the prison's is crowded

People livin' in fear because they vision is clouded But the sky's the limit, I ain't cryin' you a river Gotta move me a mountain, I'm a git up and shout it

WHY?? [6 x's]

When I dream it's hounds on my heels gainin' momentum

I'm tired, can't get uninspired or quit runnin'
I can feel they only inches behind, I escape, I survive
Some how I gotta decide how much I want it
Or is anybody listenin' without a pot to piss in
If I disappear I wonder if the world will know I'm missin'
Who my support system, it's not the court system
Gotta letter, what it said is you will not avoid prison
People 'neath the microscope 'cause we defining the
culture

They smile and insult you like you shinin' their loafers
Them old heads say we need a modern day Moses
When the leaders is posers we needing some soldiers
It's the X generation, The anger in the nation
Got the writing on the wall so clear that I can taste it
Like a kid sniffing glue somewhere trying to escape
Because we vulnerable and naked
Gotta show 'em we can make it

WHY?? [hook repeats out]

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