

## Athena Cage

### "If I Ruled the World"

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Intro: Nas (Lauryn Hill singing in the background)

Life..... I wonder....

Will it take me under.... I don't know

Verse One: Nas

Imagine smoking weed in the streets without cops  
harassin

Imagine going to court with no trial

Lifestyle cruising blue behind my waters

No welfare supporters more conscious of the way we  
raise our daughters

Days are shorter, nights are colder

Feeling like life is over, these snakes strike like a cobra

The world's hot my son got not evidently

It's elementary, they want us all gone eventually

Trooping out of state for a plate knowledge

of coke was cooked without the garbage we'd all have  
the top dollars

Imagine everybody flashin, fashion

Designer clothes, lacing your click up with diamond  
vogues

Your people holdin dough, no parole

No rubbers, go in raw imagine law with no undercovers

Just some thoughts for the mind

I take a glimpse into time

watch the blimp read "The World Is Mine"

Chorus: Lauryn Hill, Nas

If I ruled the world Imagine that

I'd free all my sons, I love em love em baby

Black diamonds and pearls Could it be, if you could  
be mine, we'd both shine

If I ruled the world Still livin for today, in  
these last days and times

Verse Two: Nas

The way to be, paradise like relaxin black, latino and

anglo-saxon  
Armani exchange the reins  
Cash, Lost Tribe of Shabazz, free at last  
Brand new whips to crash then we laugh in the iller path  
The Villa house is for the crew, how we do  
Trees for breakfast, dime sexes and Benz stretches  
So many years of depression make me vision  
The better livin, type of place to raise kids in  
Open they eyes to the lies history's told foul  
But I'm as wise as the old owl, plus the Gold Child  
Seeing things like I was controlling, click rollin  
Trickin six digits on kicks and still holdin  
Trips to Paris, I civilized every savage  
Gimme one shot I turn trife life to lavish  
Political prisonner set free, stress free  
No work release purple M3's and jet skis  
Feel the wind breeze in West Indies  
I make Coretta Scott-King mayor the cities and reverse  
themes to Willies  
It sounds foul but every girl I meet to go downtown  
I'd open every cell in Attica send em to Africa

Chorus: Lauryn Hill, Nas

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be mine, we'd both shine  
If I ruled the world Still livin for today, in  
these last days and times

And then we'll walk right up to the sun  
Hand in hand  
We'll walk right up to the sun  
We won't land  
We'll walk right up to the sun  
Hand in hand  
We'll walk right up to the sun  
We won't land

Verse Three: Nas

You'd love to hear the story how the thugs live in worry  
Duck down in car seats, heat's mandatory  
Runnin from Jake, gettin chased, hunger for papes  
These are the breaks many mistakes go down out of  
state  
Wait, I had to let it marinate we carry weight  
Tryin to get laced, flip the ace stack the safe  
Millionaire plan to keep the gat with the cop camera  
Makin moves in Atlanta, back and forth scrambler

Cause you could have all the chips, be poor or rich  
Still nobody want a nigga havin shit  
If I ruled the world and everything in it, sky's the limit  
I push a Q-45 Infinit  
It wouldn't be no such thing as jealousies or B Felonies  
Strictly living longevity to the destiny  
I thought I'd never see but reality struck  
Better find out before your time's out, what the fuck???

Chorus: Lauryn Hill, Nas

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be mine, we'd both shine  
If I ruled the world Still livin for today, in  
these last days and times

If I ruled the world, if I ruled, if I ruled Imagine that  
I'd free all my sons, if I ruled, if I ruled  
I love em love em baby  
Black diamonds and pearls, black dimaonds Could it  
be, if you could  
black diamonds be mine, we'd both shine  
If I ruled the world Still livin for today, in  
these last days and times

If I ruled the world, if I ruled  
if I ruled, I'd free all my sons  
black diamonds, I love em love em baby  
Black diamonds and pearls, if I ruled  
If I ruled the world

If I ruled the world  
I love em love em baby!!

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