

## Clay Crosse

### "If I Ruled the World"

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"80's Underground Rap: Can I Kick It?" by Rhino  
Records

[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

{A} 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

If I ruled the world..  
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.. yeayah yeayah 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..

