

## **Erykah Badu**

# **"Penitentiary Philosophy"**

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Here's my philosophy, livin' in a penitentiary  
Brothers all on the corner  
Tryin' to make believe  
Turn around, ain't got no pot to pee

Make me mad when I see ya sad  
Can't stand to see ya hussle doin' bad  
But you can't win when your will is weak  
When you're knocked on the ground

Evil  
Don't you test me  
Evil  
You won't win

Oh why  
(World)  
Why world  
Do you want me to be so mad? Yeah  
So mad, yeah

Oh why  
(World)  
Why world  
Do you want me to be so mad? Yeah  
So mad, yeah

I'm tellin' you the truth  
I hope I'm not being too cruel  
Since you ain't playing by the rules  
I'm 'bout to kick you off your stool

Evil  
Don't you test me  
Evil  
You won't win

Oh why, why  
Why world  
Do you want me to be so mad? Yeah  
So mad, yeah

Why in the world  
(World)  
Why world  
Do you want me to be so mad? Yeah  
Say why

I am a warrior princess  
I have come from the other sun  
Gather all of your members  
Unite them as one

Move together in harmony  
Build a bridge, now destroy a bridge  
Eliminate your weakness  
Conquer evil, the demon and live forever together

Why can't we get along  
And take all the funky tones  
And make up a funky song  
That be bangin' on and on

Make me mad when I see ya sad  
With the same look ya momma had  
But ya can't win when your will is weak  
But ya get out ya seat

Oh why, why  
Why world do you want me to be so mad?  
So mad, yeah

Why in the world  
(World)  
Why world do you want me to be so mad? Yeah  
So mad, yeah

Why in the world  
(World)  
Why world do you want me to be so mad? Yeah  
So mad, yeah

Why in the world  
(World)  
Why world do you want me to be so mad? Yeah  
So mad, yeah

Maybe, maybe, maybe  
Maybe, maybe, maybe  
Oh, why, why in the world? Yeah  
World yeah, world yeah, world yeah

Bring it all back

Bring it all back

Bring it all back

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