

## **Kirk Franklin**

### **"Why"**

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*[Verse 1]*

I pledge allegiance to the (tell me what we gon' do)  
I used to know you but (you don't call like you used to)  
If you still love me can I  
(give me a chance just to say how I feel, it may hurt you  
but what I'm seeing is real)

We're killing babies and (I love to see chil dren play)  
I've got depression (there's a new pill I saw today)

How hypocritical to  
(nothing is wrong take a picture and just smile money's  
coming after while)

*[Chorus 1]*

Why Oh Why [2x] we keep believing lies, did Laci have  
to die  
Why Oh Why, Lord tell me when our change is gon'  
come

*[Verse 2]*

There are no fathers and (the system's holding me  
down)  
Sisters are dying of AIDS (I know my man don't sleep  
around)  
Don't be stupid listen (we all gon' die. And since you  
only live once, you do you, you go head, live your life)  
We're building churches but (my pastor is on TV)  
But are we building people (I filed for divorce last  
week)

We're wasting money tell me (why should I save? Let  
me have my worldly things; God said He'll supply my  
needs)  
(that ain't what he means)

*[Chorus 2]*

Why Oh Why [2x] can't our soldiers come back home  
It seems like innocence is gone  
Are people still losing their jobs  
We're spending money building bombs

*[Bridge]*

Free, I just wanna be free

*[Verse 3]*

Wake up no more sleeping (seems like my life ain't  
gon' change)

Let's stop making excuses (I pray but things still stay  
the same)

See Jesus said that He will (please take this pain, I can't  
make it on my own, ain't no sunshine when  
You're gone)

(2 nd Why)

Why oh Why *[4x]* Don't we give you a chance

Put our life in Your hands

Are we afraid to say Your name

Is it because we want the fame

Did my homeboy have to take his life

That homeless man's outside tonight

When trouble comes we wanna pray

Our country pushes You away

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