

## **Krs-One**

# **"The Raptism"**

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So gather round now for the raptism  
'Cause if the dogs don't get 'em  
The cattle get 'em or the gat'll get 'em  
Or the crack'll get 'em

Time for spiritual activism  
Life is a journey  
And Kris got the map with him  
Teach Latinos and blacks with 'em

It's amazing when Whites  
And Asians kick raps with 'em  
'Cause out of a thousand MC's  
Believe I taught half of 'em

Knowledge Reigns Supreme  
I beam through many images  
My origin is a mystery  
Like capstones on pyramids

We live it kid, challenge  
The teacher you will regret that  
I'm giving careers and taking careers away  
Did you forget that?

Better check that you can rock  
This track and the next track  
But when I correct the spirit hit  
You'll always be set back

So gather round now for the raptism  
Only those that got hip-hop in 'em  
And not rap in 'em and no crack with 'em  
Step up now and receive a holy dose

From a holy host and take a break  
From these rappers that only boast

Wake up to make up  
Yeah, yeah, yeah  
Wake up to make up  
Huh, huh, yeah, yeah, yeah

Wake up to make up  
Yo, yeah, yo

My intellectual battle  
Will make your brains rattle  
I'll unwrap you and your crew  
From the same shackle

I'm on many different planes like a airport  
Psychologically you be rethinkin'  
Your identity and cuttin' ya hair short

Now there's a thought  
That exposes your insecurity  
You put no fear in me  
I break the M from the C

And reverse it to say, "See 'em? See 'em?"  
They allow the devil to lead 'em  
And they be givin' up they freedom  
So, huh, gather round for the raptism

Wake up  
When the spirit hear it the lyric long before the track  
get 'em  
Wake up  
I spit 'em out, gotta get 'em out, the world I never been  
about

I see them glitter but their spirit's goin' in and out  
We see them fading, we also see them hating  
We also see those living for musical chart ratings  
Hear what I'm stating or trading for what you're paying

Replace fear with faith and you'll stop decaying  
Gather round for the raptism  
(Word)  
Gather round for the raptism  
(Word, word)

Wake up, wake up, wake up  
Gather round for the raptism  
Make up, make up, make up  
'Cause if the dogs don't get 'em

The cattle get 'em or the gat'll get 'em  
Or the crack'll get 'em  
Yo, yo, gather round for the raptism  
Wake up, word, word  
Wake up, word

Wake up, the dogs don't get 'em  
The cattle get 'em, or the crack'll get 'em  
Or the gat'll get 'em  
Wake up, everyday, when you wake up

You got a chance to make up  
Remember you are not just doing hip-hop  
You are hip-hop  
Wake up to make up, wake up to make up

Twice a year, hip-hoppers come together  
To celebrate the unity of hip-hop  
We come together, during Hip-Hop Appreciation Week  
Wake up to make up

Which is every third week in May  
Wake up to make up  
Then, we come together in November  
To celebrate Hip-Hop History Month  
I will see you there, peace

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