

## **Linkin Park**

### **"Step Up"**

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Watch as the room rocks men only moon walk  
Mixed media slang, banging in your boom box  
Verbal violence, lyrical stylist  
In a time when rock hip hop rhymes are childish

You can't tempt me with rhymes that are empty  
Rapping to a beat doesn't make you an Emcee  
With your lack of skill and facility you're killing me  
And a DJ in the group just for credibility

I heard that some of you are getting help with your  
rhymes  
You're not an Emcee if someone else writes your lines  
And rapping over rock doesn't make you a pioneer  
'Cause rock and hip hop have collaborated for years

But now they're getting randomly mixed and matched  
up  
All after a fast buck and all the tracks suck  
So how does it stack up? None of it's real  
You want to be an emcee you've got to study the skill

Who can rock a rhyme like this?  
Bring it to you every time like this?  
Who can rock a rhyme like this?  
Step, step up, step, step up

So you pick up a pen and write yourself a new identity  
But mentally you don't have the hip hop energy  
With a tendency to make up stories  
Sounding like the only hip hop you've heard is top 40

And your record company is completely missing it  
All the kids are dissing it for not being legitimate  
So in a battle you can't hack it, react with whack shit  
And get smacked with verbal back flips

Get your ass kicked by fabulous battle catalysts  
It's taken decades for emcees to establish this  
You're new to hip hop and welcome if your serious  
But not on the mic leave that to the experienced

Using the waves of sound the true master  
Paralyzes his opponents, leaving him vulnerable to  
attack

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After years of painstaking research  
By the world's leading sound scientists  
We here at the sound institute have invented  
A reliable audio weapons system

Actual movement of musical sound  
In space used to carefully attack and neutralize  
The cellular structure of the human body  
And the question must be asked

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Mixed media step up to the microphone  
And you do it like this

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