

# Lionel Richie

## "To The Rhythm"

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Think about it  
I don't understand what's goin' on  
I'm trying to figure out the world around me  
It seems we make the same mistakes over again  
An I can't understand why  
Tell me about it

Why do we walk in the footsteps of our ancestors  
In a monotonous fashion  
Recreating the same failures and crimes of passion  
Help me understand our fascination with bloodshed  
and violence  
What happened to the notion of the evil days being  
behind us  
Are we too lost to find salvation or could it be  
We don't want salvation to find us  
Are we content with the changes that bind us

(Chorus)  
We go on and on  
To the rhythm  
On and on  
To the rhythm  
We go on and on  
To the rhythm  
On and on

There's something else on my mind

Ain't it strange when we make change  
We end up with dollars and no sense  
Progress is a false pretense  
From and Cain & Abel to any ghetto  
Tiannemen Square to Soweto, apartheid to Jim Crowe  
Are these problems incurable  
We can charge stars invisible to the eye  
But we can't find the solution for oppression or learn  
If we can't live together we're all gonna die

Repeat Chorus

Hatred, racism, war, killing for sport

Got to change the way we look at each other  
Abuse, rape, murder, neglecting the poor  
Look at the pain we're going through

Selling our souls just to make a profit  
Respect yourselves my sisters and brothers  
Using addictions to deal with our problems  
It's up to you  
When we gonna stop it

Generations come and generations go  
Time is the rhythm to which we all flow  
Help me to realize cause I don't understand  
Why does every generation have to do  
The same thing again and again

Repeat Chorus

We're not destined to lose: it's about the paths we  
choose  
How long before we get it  
The value of which you get is measured in how much  
you're  
Willing to sacrifice  
Life's too short we can't waste a minute  
So how much is it worth to you to save your life  
And the lives of your children  
How much must we go through  
We have to change the words to the song before  
We can truly enjoy the rhythm  
It's up to you, It's up to you

Repeat Chorus

Life beats  
360 degrees in a cycle to the rhythm  
Time beats  
Repeating things in a circular fashion to the rhythm  
Hearts beat  
To the rhythm  
Love beats  
To the rhythm  
What are we gonna do about it  
What are we gonna do about it  
To the rhythm

Time we got ourselves together  
To the rhythm  
Cause we can't let hate beat to the rhythm  
To the rhythm  
Can't let lies beat

To the rhythm  
To the rhythm  
Bloodshed no, no  
To the rhythm  
There's nothing new under the sun  
Hold on to the good  
To the rhythm  
We're doin' the same things over and over and over  
Hold on to the good  
'and over and over'  
Stop the madness  
'and over and over again

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