

## **Rakim**

# **"Follow The Leader"**

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Follow me into a solo  
Get in the flow and you can picture like a photo  
Music mixed mellow maintains to make  
Melodies for M.C.'s motivates the breaks

I'm everlastin', I can go on for days and days  
With rhyme displays that engrave deep as X-rays  
I can take a phrase that's rarely heard, flip it  
Now, it's a daily word

I can get iller than 'nam, a killin' bomb  
But no alarm, Rakim will remain calm  
Self-esteem make me super, superb and supreme  
But for a microphone still I fiend

This was a tape I wasn't supposed to break  
I was supposed to wait, but let's motivate  
I want to see who can keep followin' and swallowin'  
Takin' the makin', bitin' it and borrowin'

Brothers tried and others died to get the formula  
But I'ma let ya sweat, you still ain't warm  
You a step away from frozen, stiff as if ya posin'  
Dig into my brain as the rhyme gets chosen

So follow me and were ya thinkin' you were first?  
Let's travel at magnificent speeds around the universe  
What could ya say as the earth gets further and further  
away  
Planets are small as balls of clay

Astray into the milky way, world's outasight  
Far as the eye can see, not even a satellite  
Now, stop and turn around and look  
As ya stare in the darkness, ya knowledge is took

So keep starin' soon ya suddenly see a star

You better follow it 'cause it's the R  
This is a lesson if ya guessin' and if ya borrowin'  
Hurry hurry, step right up and keep followin' the leader

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This is a lifetime mission, vision of prison  
Aight listen  
In this journey you're the journal, I'm the journalist  
Am I eternal? Or an eternalist?

I'm about to flow long as I can possibly go  
Keep ya movin' 'coz the crowd said so  
Dance, cuts rip ya pants  
Eric B on the blades, bleedin' to death, call the  
ambulance

Pull out my weapon and start to squeeze  
A magnum as a microphone murderin' M.C's  
Let's quote a rhyme from a record I wrote  
(Follow the leader)  
Yeah, dope

'Coz everytime I stop it seems ya stuck  
Soon as ya try to step off ya self-destruct  
I came to overcome before I'm gone  
By showin' and provin' and lettin' knowledge be born

Then after that I'll live forever, you disagree?  
You say never? Then follow me  
From century to century you'll remember me  
In history, not a mystery or a memory

God by nature, mind raised in Asia  
Since you was tricked, I have to raise ya  
From the cradle to the grave, but remember  
You're not a slave

'Coz we was put here to be much more than that  
But we couldn't see it because our mind was trapped  
But I'm here to break away the chains, take away the  
pains  
Remake the brains, reveal my name

I guess nobody told you a little knowledge is  
dangerous  
It can't be mixed, diluted, it can't be changed or  
switched  
Here's a lesson if ya guessing and borrowing  
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A furified freestyle, lyrics of fury  
My third eye makes me shine like jewelry  
You're just a rent-a-rapper, your rhymes are minute-  
maid  
I'll be here when it fade to watch you flip like a  
renegade

I can't wait to break and eliminate  
On every traitor or snake, so stay awake  
And follow and follow, because the tempo's a trail  
The stage is a cage, the mic is a third rail

I'm Rakim, the fiend of a microphone  
I'm not him, so leave my mic alone  
Soon as the beat is felt, I'm ready to go  
So fasten your seatbelt, 'coz I'm about to flow

No need to speed slow down to let the leader lead  
Word to daddy, indeed  
The R's a rollin' stone, so I'm rollin'  
Directions is told, then the rhymes are stolen

Stop buggin', a brother said, "Dig 'em, I never dug  
'em"  
He couldn't follow the leader long enough so I drug  
'em  
Into danger zone, he should arrange his own  
Face it, it's basic, erase it, change ya tone

There's one R in the alphabet  
It's a one-letter word and it's about to get  
More complex from one rhyme to the next

Eric B be easy on the flex

I've been from state to state, followers tailgate  
Keep comin' but you came too late, but I'll wait  
So back up, regroup, get a grip, come equipped  
You're the next contestant, clap ya hands, you won a  
trip

The price is right, don't make a deal too soon  
How many notes could you name this tune?  
Follow the leader is the title, theme, task  
Now ya know, you don't have to ask

Rap is rhythm and poetry, cuts create sound effects  
You might catch up if you follow the records E.Wrecks  
Until then keep eatin' and swallowin'  
You better take a deep breath and keep followin' the  
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