

## The Shells

### "Why I Love You"

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[Sample]

Ohhh...

Sure now baby, baby, baby,

Ooohooo...

I don't know why I love you

(Right)

I don't know

(C'mon)

Why I love you

(Let's talk to 'em)

I don't know why I love you

(Right, right)

But I love ya

(C'mon)

(C'mon)

(C'mon)

[Shells]

Before I was me,

I used to watch it, kept my face in the screen

A little youngin',

Thought about ballin'

Wit' nothin' between.

Switched over,

Yeah later, started chasin' the dream.

Same hunger, different sport, all I need is a team.

The first song I heard, I remember, was "Juicy" by Big,

And if I'm right, me and my moms were cleaning the  
crib.

Promoted it, as if I knew 'em, every time I left home.

My cousin locked up - I played it for him over the phone.

In June of '95 is when I started to cook,

Same year I lost my V,

And the game lost E.

Observin' the game,

Watchin' both pleasures and pain,

And every saturday I'm on my bed ready for Soul Train.

Young in the field, way before I thought of a deal,

Being teached and taught,

Old school records been bought.

Althought it sounds great, that's what it seems to be.

Think about it. It started the east-west coast beef.

(Talk to 'em)

[Chorus]

I don't know why I love you

(C'mon)

(I don't know)

I don't know

(Right)

Why I love you

(C'mon)

I don't know why I love you

(I don't know)

But I love ya

(I swear I hear 'em talkin')

[Shells]

Records is droppin',

And now dudes dissin' each other

Went from, lovin' the game,

Now they made wit' each other.

And videos got my little brother's heart in the street,

He want what he see on TV like 'change that bling'.

I love the fact that you can do this and it'll morph your block.

I hate the fact that if you done too much, you gotta get shot.

Big Pun, Big L, Biggie Smalls, and Pac:

Y'all are the main reason why I ain't got it in me to stop.

I gotta deal with funny people, who act like they cool.

I don't know you if we didn't attend the same school.

I gotta watch when I'm shinin', they plottin' to scheme on me,

And catch me from the blind side, puttin' the beam on me.

Or 'cause I got a lil' name and a lil' fame,

And it's me girls yell for, when performin' on the stage,

I ask my self, "Am I ready for this?"

Do I really wanna see myself caught in the mix?

(Unintelligible)

[Chorus]

[Shells]

There's always an issue.

I gotta wake up, preparin' my day.

I can't be late for a meetin', if I do then I pay.

Different people in my face, they tellin' me different things -

What to do and not to do, my lifestyle just changed.

No more late night, kickin' it on the corner with fellas.

(? sounds like 'bad lines for me'), my (? sounds like 'aeronauto') don't want me in the street.

I listen and understand 'cause together we eat.

They said, out of 24 hours, 4 I sleep.

I had a girl back home.

We argued before leavin'.

We fought over phones.

I took her down before leavin' her.

Sistas always flippin' out.

Younger brother's missin' me.

This here got me to put gifts under the Christmas tree.

I'm hated on by people I never met.

Anyone could get me robbed for the chain on my neck.

But if you ask me, I promise, wouldn't want it to stop.

Homie, I'm dedicated and built for this,

I love hip-hop.

That's why:

[Modified Chorus]

I don't know (chea) why I love you

(Guru, look at they faces)

(I don't know)

I don't know

(Right)

Why I love you

(C'mon, c'mon)

I don't know why I love you

(C'mon)

(I swear I hear 'em talkin')

But I love ya

(I'm built buddy)

I don't know why I love you

(Yeah, talk to 'em)

(Hip-hop, I'm about that man)

(That's right)

(I don't know)

I don't know

(Right)

(I'm laughin')

Why I love you

(Mad man, we in the house. C'mon)

I don't know why I love you

(Right, right)

(Look at they faces)

(I don't know)

But I love ya

(Chea)

(BX)

(C'mon)

I don't know why I love you

(Talk to 'em, talk to 'em)

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