

## Roxanne Shanté

### "Roxanne's Revenge"

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("Roxanne, feel it!"  
"A world premiere...." [echoes])

Well, my name is Roxanne, a-don't ya know  
I just a-cold rock a party, and I do this show  
I said I met these three guys, and you know that's true  
A-let me tell you and explain them all to you:  
I met this dude with the name of a hat  
I didn't even walk away, I didn't give him no rap  
But then he got real mad, and he got a little tired  
If he worked for me, you know he would be fired  
His name is Kangol, and that is cute  
He ain't got money, and he ain't got the loot  
And every time that I see him, he's always a-beggin'  
And all the other girls that he's always tryin' to leggin'  
Every time that he sees me, he says a rhyme  
But, see, compared to me it's weak compared to mine  
A-every time I know that I am sayin' somethin' fresher  
In any category I'm considered the best  
And every time that I say it there ain't nothin' less  
And everybody knows I will win the contest  
So, then, after that came the Educated Rapper  
His fingers started snappin', and my hands start to  
clappin'  
Every time-a that I see him, everything he say  
A-every time he says, he says it dumber this way:  
He said-a, "Yeah, you know your mother's name is  
Mary,"  
But all he wanna do is just-a bust a cherry  
Every time that I see him, he's sayin' somethin' new  
But let me explain to him what he should do:  
He should be like me, a fly MC  
Don't never have to bite, we're always right  
I have the freshest rhymes that I do recite  
And after that, and you know it's true  
Well, let me tell you somethin' else about the Doctor,  
too:  
He ain't really cute, and he ain't great  
He don't even know how to operate  
He came up to me with some bullshit rap  
But let me tell you somethin' 'cause you know it was

wack

So when he came up to me, I told him to step back  
He said, "You call yourself an MC?" I said, "This is true,"

He said, "Explain to me really what MCs must do."

I said, "Listen very close 'cause I don't say this every day:

My name is Roxanne, and they call me ShantÃ,ÃŽ."

But every time-a I say a rhyme-a just-a like-a this-a

It's something that you MCs just won't-a miss-a

And if you think it's cute-a, and you think it's all right

But, see, you said it in a language so you wouldn't have to bite

You started talkin' Pig Latin, didn't make no sense

You thought you was cute, yeah, you thought you was a prince

You're walkin' down the block, holdin' your jock

But everybody knows that you're all on my yacht

I'm just the devastatin', always rockin', always have the niggas clockin'

Everybody knows it's me, yeah, the R-O-X-A-N-N-E,  
yeah

Down with everybody fresh and everyone that I possess

And every time I do it right-a, everyone is sure to bite-a

Every time I do it, yeah, you know it is-a me-a

Rockin' on the beat-a that you can see

And every time I have a DJ like Ice

He ain't right, yeah, he ain't nice

Because a-everything he does is off-the-wall

Compared to my man Marley Marl

The way he gets on the tables, yes

Everyone knows that he is fresh

So, the UTFO crew, you know what you can do

Lemme tell you one for me, and then I'll tell you one for you

Every time you sayin' somethin' just-a like-a this-a

It ain't nothin' that I don't wanna miss-a

And if you're thinkin' that I'm bitin' your beat

Well, then you just better know, and a-listen to me

Because my name is Roxanne-a, and I came to say

I'm rockin' to the beat-a, and I do it every day

I'm conceited, never beated, never heard of defeated

I'm rockin' to the beat-a, and you know it is-a me-a:

The R-O-X-A-N-N-E-a

And if you wanna play a little game for me

Lemme show you what you can do, baby

'Cause with a twist of my cheek, and a twist of my wrist

I have all the niggas droppin' down like this

Yeah, I am fly but don't take this

And everybody knows I don't go for it

So, if you're tryin' to be cute and you're tryin' to be fine

You need to cut it out 'cause it's all in your mind  
Tryin' to be like me, yeah, is very hard  
You think you are God, but you do eat lard  
Tryin' to be cute, and you're tryin' to be fly  
Don't you know you wish you could be my guy?  
So I can take you home, make you relax  
And everybody knows that you're out there, tryin' to tax  
Like corn-on-the-cob, you're always tryin' to rob  
You need to be out there, get yourself a job  
Yeah, you're tryin' to be in search of a Roxanne  
But lemme let ya know--you're not a real man  
'Cause a Roxanne needs a man, and yes:  
Someone fresh who always address  
Someone, yeah, who will never fess  
And then I'll say, yeah, the rest  
'Cause everybody knows how the story goes  
There's no ifs, no ands, no buts, or suppose  
No coke up your nose, no dope in your vein  
And then it won't cause no kind of pain  
But yet, and still, you're tryin' to be fly  
I ask you a question, I wanna know why:  
Why'd ya have to make a record 'bout me  
The R-O-X-A-N-N-E?

("Roxanne, Roxanne, ["Oh, my goodness!"]  
I wanna be your man  
Roxanne, Roxanne  
And here's our game-plan!")

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