

Linda Ronstedt**"Monotony"**

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[Hook 4X: samples scratched by DJ Premier]

"Uprising surprising"

"Knowledge wisdom understanding"

[Afu-Ra]

Smooth like Johnny Cochran, I keep it movin through
Brooklyn

Base against the hymn, brings the sweat to the skin

Reminisce of the days as a shorty

Had no stress, no bills, was comin for me

I lived it up, yeah, money ain't a thing

Never thought twice on what my future bring

Role models, naw I thought nothing of it

Eyes fixed on skies and planes fly high above it

Summer's comin, September's middle school

Mom Dukes mad strict, she'll never raise a fool

I'm comin up, clean the dirty from the ghetto

So we can plant some seeds and watch them grow

[Chorus]

Right, knowledge wisdom understanding rules, right

Everybody got to pay the dues, right

Knowledge, wisdom understanding rules

Everybody got to pay the dues

[Afu-Ra]

Tripped up by bad luck, 16 years and buck

I realized the world might end, not givin up

Stickin up, runnin up, comin up

Turn it up, I see signs of blowin up

Study life in every facet of my trainin

We need masters in biology, zoology

To overtake, Illuminati trick-nology

Transform, reciprocate your mental state

Now make a date to overtake your objective

Show that through light, that everything is connected

But not in categories, that's the Devil's story

Symbols of cannibalism, ruin your vision

The thoughts formulate in your mind with no precision

So reenact, a rebirth, now you're the Phoenix

When shorties see it, now that's the time they believe it

Achieve it, your goals in life, don't be a casualty
Infinite and intricate, monument

"Knowledge wisdom understanding"

[Chorus]

[Afu-Ra]

Right, knowledge wisdom understanding, rules

"Uprising, surprising"

[Afu-Ra]

I know the next millennium seems like it's cursed
That's why I have to rehearse
Tune my physical, mental spits the lyrical
It's so essential, transcends thoughts I'm into
As we continue, touch rhyme styles I'm into
All grown up, Junior High to 25
A made man, tight connection with my brothers
Bridgin gaps, dodgin traps with my raps
Signs you're followin, shed more light
Then a halogen, take a step back, now who you
followin?

[Chorus 2X]

[Hook 4X]

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