Various Artists "I Know You"

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Thinking of this, you keep repeating you miss The rhymes from the microphone soloist And you sit by the radio, hand on the dial, soon As you hear it, pump up the volume

Dance with the speaker 'till you hear it blow Then plug in the headphone 'cuz here it go It's a 4 letter word when it's heard, it control Your body to dance soul (You got it)

Detects the tempo like a red alert Reaches your reflex, so let it work When this is playing, you can't get stuck wit The steps, so get set and I'm a still come up wit

A gift to be swift, follow the leader, the rhyme will go Def with the record that was mixed a long time ago It can be done but only I can do it For those that can dance and clap your hands to it

I start to think and then I sink
Into the paper like I was ink
When I'm writing, I'm trapped in between the lines
I escape when I finish the rhyme, I got soul

You got it, you got it You got it, you got it You got it, you got it You got it

Picture a mic, the stage is empty A beat like this might tempt me To pose, show my rings and my fat gold chain Grab the mic like I'm on Soul Train

But I'll wait 'cuz I mastered this Let the others go first so the brothers don't miss Eric B. break the sticks (You got it) Rakim will begin when you make the mix

I'll experiment like a scientist You wanna rhyme, you gotta sign my list 'Cuz I'm a manifest and bless the mic I hold You want it next? Then you gotta have soul

'Cuz if you ain't got it, I'm a make an encore Take the mic, make the people respond for The R, 'cuz that's the way it'll have to be If you wanna get on after me

Think about it, wait, erase your rhyme
Forget it and don't waste your time
'Cuz I'll be in the crowd if you ain't controlling it
Drop the mic, you shouldn't be holding it

This is how it should be done
This style is identical to none
Some try to make it sound like this but you're getting
me
So upset that I'm wet 'cuz you're sweating me

I drip steam like a microphone fiend Eager to MC is my theme I get hype when I hear a drum roll Rakim is on the mic and you know I got soul

You got it, you got it You got it, you got it You got it

I got soul, that's why I came (You got it) To teach those who can't say my name First of all, I'm the soloist, the soul controller Rakim gets stronger as I get older

Constant elevation causes expansion
I write my rhyme while I cool in my mansion
Then put it on tape and in the city I test it
Then on the radio the R's requested

You listen to it, the concept might break you

'Cuz almost anyone can relate to Whoever's out of hand, I'm give him handles Light 'em up, blow 'em out like candles

Or should I just let him melt?
Then give him a hand so they can see how it felt I'm not bold just 'cuz I rock gold
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You got it, you got it You got it, you got it

Now I'm a stop to see what you got Get off the mic before I get too hot I want to see which posse can dance the best It should be easy 'cuz the beat is fresh

Now if your from Uptown, Brooklyn bound The Bronx, Queens, or Long Island Sound Even other states come right and exact It ain't where you're from, it's where you're at

Since you came here, you have to show and prove And do that dance until it don't move 'Cuz all you need is soul self-esteem will release The rest is up to you, Rakim 'll say peace

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