

The microphone I

TAKE (took, taken). You SHAKE (shook, shaken).
WAKE (woke, woken) to the STYLE I'm creating.
THINK (thought, thought). SEEK (sought, sought).
Listen to the lesson that I TEACH (taught, taught).

Don't SLEEP (slept, slept). I CREEP (crept, crept).
I SNEAK (snuck, snuck up). You LEAP (leapt, leapt).
I KEEP (kept, kept) having fun.
I'm never BEAT (beat, beaten); I WIN (won, won).
DO (did, done). BEGIN (began, begun).
SHOOT (shot, shot)—no, I don't own a gun.
I LEAD (led, led) so I can FEED (fed, FED)

The knowledge you need, straight to your head.
When I BRING (brought, brought) it, you CATCH (caught, caught) it.
Sit back relax. Don't FIGHT (fought, fought) it.

Please don't

FREEZE (froze, frozen) when I SPEAK (spoke, spoken).
It's REAL. You can feel I don't STEAL (stole, stolen).
I CHOOSE (chose, chosen) the very best rhymes and
WRITE (wrote, written) them into my lines and
into your mind. When we MEET (met, met).
I'll BET (bet, bet) I won't let you FORGET (forgot, forgotten).

I GET (got, gotten).
Every head nodding. Don't think about stopping
just COME (came, come).
This is hip hop. I don't SING (sang, sung).
I STING (stung, stung). I CLING (clung, clung).
On each and every word, you HANG (hung, hung).

It's not enough to

DREAM (dreamt, dreamt); you've got to SPEND (spent, spent).
Time on your goals. Please LEND (lent, lent) me your
ear. Come near and I'll LAY (laid, laid).
Down this new sound that I MAKE (made, made).
I hope you don't SAY that you think it's junk.
I hope you don't think that I STINK (stank, stunk).
If you're thirsty for English, come DRINK (drank, drunk).

Because I SINK (sank, sunk) ALL competition when they
HEAR (heard, HEARD) that I GIVE (gave, given).
Encouragement when I SPIT (spat, spat).
Never QUIT (quit, quit); don't SIT (sat, sat).
Yeah, I like it like that. I'll even KNEEL (knelt, knelt).
And beg you to express what you FEEL (felt, felt).

I RISE (rose, risen) when I DRIVE (drove, driven) through
the beat; tap your feet as you RIDE (rode, ridden).
Those that HIDE (hid, hidden) I FIND (found, found).
If you FLEE (fled, fled) then I'll track you down.

Now you SEE (saw, seen) that I MEAN (meant, meant)
every word of the message that I SEND (sent, sent).
I SHOW (showed, shown) I can FLY (flew, flown).
Now you KNOW (knew, known) I SHINE (shone, shone).
I'll THROW (threw, thrown) you the ball. It's your turn.
GROW (grew, grown) with the verbs that you've learned.
Grammar through lyrics I DRAW (drew, drawn).
Peace to "ells", now I GO (went, gone)!