

## Necessary

Boogie Down Productions

When some get together and think of rap, they tend to think of violence  
But when they are challenged on some rock group, the result is always silence  
Even before the rock and roll era, violence played a big part in music  
It's all according to your meaning of violence and how or in which way you use it  
No, it's not violent to show in movies the destruction of the human body  
But yes, of course it's violent to protect yourself at a party  
And, oh no, it's not violent when under the christmas tree is a look-alike gun  
But, yes, of course it's violent to have an album like KRS-One  
By all means necessary, it's time to end the hypocrisy  
What I call violence, I can't do, but your kind of violence is stopping me  
By all means necessary, the rap audience must grow up  
The same type of fightin' we do, they do except we've got nothing to blow up  
It doesn't matter if you win or lose, it's only how good you play the game  
This is the oldest sneak attack, because it takes away our senses to gain  
If all I do is play the game then I am just mediocre  
We strive to be the best we can be, not to just get over  
Some people say that life on a whole is serious and nothing is funny  
That's only if you base your life around competition and money  
Yeah, I'm making some money, he's making some money, but none of these things are necessities  
What I find to be a necessity is controlling a positive destiny  
With this, money, fame, glory and credit will come in time  
The people down with me know this every minute they hear me say in rhymes  
I got some friends, I got some allies like Stet, and Big Daddy Kane  
They know that by all means necessary that peace is the name of this game  
Whether peace by war, or peace by peace, the reality of peace is scary  
But we must get there, one way or another, by all means necessary.