And you say New York City! Duane 'Darock', KRS

It's New Yorrrrrrrrk, and we livin The whole world, it knows, your name It's New Yorrrrrrrrk, and we livin The whole world, it knows, your name

Lenox Avenue, Park Ave Long Island I see you baby Jamaican Ave, Queens KRS, let's go!

New, York, City, get it right, get it tight, get it hype
New York City's in the house tonight
All day, off and on, Broadway
The world's Big Apple is what they all say
Wait, way back in the day
Dudes from the South migrated this way North
Lookin for the higher pay of course
Led by the forces they became big bosses
Like Rick Ross is, the city that never sleeps
Yup, New York is
If you can make it here, you can make it anywhere
What's that?

Flatbush! Brooklyn (we live this)
BX Bronx, c'mon
Gun Hill Road, Grand Concourse

New, York, City, still part of my heart, still part of my start As you can see it's still, part of my art
Still part of my lesson plan, listen man~!
N.Y., every year we fresh again
I be doin South Bronx everywhere I go
Everywhere I go, every nation know
I'm a New York dude that's not New York rude
All over the world I eat New York food
Ha, I'm at home anywhere, any place
Right now somebody from New York in this place
Yeah, no matter where I be
I'll always be N-Y-C

Coney Island! Brighton Beach
Wooo, Red Hook!
I see you Canal Street, Delancey Street
Hester Street, c'mon, New York let's go

New, York, City, metropolitan life, cosmopolitan life It put the strength inside of my life
But New York City got it's challenges also
Racism, sexism, crime, you all know!
Them guns that keep goin off bustin
And another one bites the dust when
Conflicts arise and dudes start bustin
And cussin, I gotta speak to this
New York is not unique in this

But if we keep sewing this we gonna keep reapin this I'm teachin this, we gotta overcome our weaknesses Remember man!

Big up to the firefighters, rest in peace World Trades y'know Brooklyn! The Bronx, Queens Manhattan! Staten Island! New York love it baby

South Bronx
South Bronx, big 'em up!
Rest in peace Jam Master Jay, Big Pun
Big L, Randy Parker
You with us for life rest in peace my brother