

## Pick It Up

KRS-One

Get up! What we slowin down for?  
Pick it up, pick it up, pick it up, pick it up, pick it up!  
We got a whole nation to restore  
Pick it up, pick it up, pick it up, pick it up, pick it up!  
We gotta really love each other more  
Pick it up, pick it up, pick it up, pick it up, pick it up!  
When you see my CD in the store  
Pick it up, pick it up, pick it up, pick it up, pick it up!

It's the teacher, class is open G  
Let's get open on the concept of votin, we  
Begin the discussion by viewin democracy  
People power, a people ruled philosophy  
Democracy is a system of government  
Where the whole population is the sum of it  
Where the government can't move without it's people  
Where before the law everybody's equal  
But take a look at the police and how they treat you  
Take a look at these corporations that cheat you  
Democrats and Republicans are all see-through  
Now we votin for the lesser of two evils  
Man, don't let 'em deceive you  
This is an autocracy, not a democracy  
But to call this a democracy without mock interest  
In the laws of society, that's called hypocrisy!

Democracy only happened one time  
In European history, now keep this in mind  
It was practiced in Athens overseas  
In 508 B.C. by Cleisthenes  
Citizens would get together on a hillside  
And decide how and if they was gonna ride  
But in 322 B.C. here's what happened  
Alexander of Macedon conquered Athens  
And that was the end of democracy  
Where the people had a say in their society  
Today, we gotta get more knowledge  
And learn about the function of the electoral college  
It doesn't matter who you vote for today  
The electoral college has the last say  
But that's another day, here's what I came to say  
RIIIIISE UP~!

In corporate sponsored elections, who's winning?  
This the wrong direction from the beginning  
Every candidate got scandal, they all sinnin  
Tryin to convince you, tellin you what they been in  
But the real issues, they get avoided  
While our children still gettin exploited  
Heh, they call me Blastmaster Kris  
Edutainment, that's what my tactic is!  
Some criticize Kris, some laugh at Kris  
But you can't say Kris is not an activist  
Social justice, I got a PASSION for this  
Cause equal rights we still ASKIN for this?  
So when I do my tours it's not just rappin for Kris  
I'm givin you more than gun packin with this

I'm openin doors, you should be askin 'bout this  
You listenin to them whores and them capitalists  
They game is tight, got you trapped into this  
It won't be long before the ring you like have to kiss  
That's why I'm a activist  
I help people not to get trapped in this  
The temptation? You gettin wrapped in this  
So get up, stop sittin like a PACIFIST  
Pick it up, pick it up, pick it up, PICK IT UP, PICK IT UP~!