Now let me welcome everybody to the wild, wild west A state that's untouchable like Elliot Ness The track hits ya eardrum like a slug to ya chest Pack a vest for your Jimmy in the city of sex We in that sunshine state with a bomb ass hemp beat the state where ya never find a dance floor empty And pimps be on a mission for them greens lean mean money-makin-machines servin fiends I been in the game for ten years makin rap tunes ever since honeys was wearin sassoon Now it's '95 and they clock me and watch me Diamonds shinin lookin like I robbed Liberace It's all good, from Diego to tha Bay Your city is tha bomb if your city makin pay Throw up a finger if ya feel the same way Dre puttin it down for Californ-i-a

California...knows how to party
California...knows how to party
In the citaaay of L.A.
In the citaaay of good ol' Watts
In the citaaay, the city of Compton
We keep it rockin! We keep it rockin!

Out on bail fresh outta jail, California dreamin Soon as I stepped on the scene, I'm hearin hoochies screamin Fiendin for money and alcohol the life of a west side playa where cowards die Only in Cali where we riot not rally to live and die In L.A. we wearin Chucks not Ballies (that's right) Dressed in Locs and khaki suits and ride is what we do Flossin but have caution we collide with other crews Famous cause we program worldwide Let'em recognize from Long Beach to Rosecrans Bumpin and grindin like a slow jam, it's west side So you know the row won't bow down to no man Say what you say But give me that bomb beat from Dre Let me serenade the streets of L.A. From Oakland to Sacktown The Bay Area and back down Cali is where they put they mack down Give me love!

California...knows how to party
California...knows how to party
In the citaaay of L.A.
In the citaaay of good ol' Watts
In the citaaay, the city of Compton
We keep it rockin! We keep it rockin!

Shake, shake it baby Shake it shake it Shake, shake it mama Shake it Cali Shake, shake it baby Shake it shake it Shake, shake it mama Shake it Cali Shake, shake it baby Shake it shake it Shake, shake it mama Shake it Cali