

# If I Ruled the World (feat. Lauryn Hill)

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Life... I wonder...  
Will it take me under... I don't know  
Imagine smoking weed in the streets without cops harassing  
Imagine going to court with no trial  
Lifestyle cruising blue behind my waters  
No welfare supporters more conscious of the way we raise our daughters  
Days are shorter, nights are colder  
Feeling like life is over, these snakes strike like a cobra  
The world's hot my son got knocked eventually  
It's elementary, they want us all gone eventually  
Trooping out of state for a plate knowledge  
of coke was cooked without the garbage we'd all have the top dollars  
Imagine everybody flashing, fashion  
Designer clothes, lacing your click up with diamond vogues  
Your people holding dough, no parole  
No rubbers, go in raw imagine law with no undercovers  
Just some thoughts for the mind  
I take a glimpse into time  
watch the blimp read "The World Is Mine"  
If I ruled the world  
Imagine that  
I'd free all my sons, I love em love em baby  
Black diamonds and pearls  
Could it be, if you could  
be mine, we'd both shine  
If I ruled the world  
Still living for today, in  
these last days and times  
The way to be, paradise like relaxing black, latino and anglo-saxon  
Armani exchange the reins  
Cash, Lost Tribe of Shabazz, free at last  
Brand new whips to crash then we laugh in the iller path  
The Villa house is for the crew, how we do  
Trees for breakfast, dime sexes and Benz stretches  
So many years of depression make me vision  
The better living, type of place to raise kids in  
Open they eyes to the lies history's told foul  
But I'm as wise as the old owl, plus the Gold Child  
Seeing things like I was controlling, click rolling  
Tricking six digits on kicks and still holding  
Trips to Paris, I civilized every savage  
Gimme one shot I turn trife life to lavish  
Political prisoner set free, stress free  
No work release purple M's and jet skis

Feel the wind breeze in West Indies  
I make Coretta Scott-King mayor the cities and reverse themes to Willies  
It sounds foul but every girl I meet to go downtown  
I'd open every cell in Attica send em to Africa  
If I ruled the world  
Imagine that  
I'd free all my sons, I love em love em baby  
Black diamonds and pearls  
Could it be, if you could  
be mine, we'd both shine  
If I ruled the world  
Still living for today, in  
these last days and times And then we'll walk right up to the sun  
Hand in hand  
We'll walk right up to the sun  
We won't land  
We'll walk right up to the sun  
Hand in hand  
We'll walk right up to the sun  
We won't land You'd love to hear the story how the thugs live in worry  
Duck down in car seats, heat's mandatory  
Running from Jake, gettin chased, hunger for papes  
These are the breaks many mistakes go down out of state  
Wait, I had to let it marinate we carry weight  
Trying to get laced, flip the ace stack the safe  
Millionaire plan to keep the gat with the cop camera  
Making moves in Atlanta, back and forth scrambler  
Cause you could have all the chips, be poor or rich  
Still nobody want a nigga having shit  
If I ruled the world and everything in it, sky's the limit  
I push a Q- Infinit  
It wouldn't be no such thing as jealousies or B Felonies  
Strictly living longevity to the destiny  
I thought I'd never see but reality struck  
Better find out before your time's out, what the fuck?? If I ruled the world  
Imagine that  
I'd free all my sons, I love em em baby  
Black diamonds and pearls  
Could it be, if you could  
be mine, we'd both shine  
If I ruled the world  
Still living for today, in  
these last days and times If I ruled the world, if I ruled, if I ruled  
Imagine that  
I'd free all my sons, if I ruled, if I ruled  
I love em love em baby  
Black diamonds and pearls, black diamonds  
Could it be, if you could  
black diamonds

be mine, we'd both shine  
If I ruled the world  
Still living for today, in  
these last days and timesIf I ruled the world, if I ruled  
if I ruled, I'd free all my sons  
black diamonds, I love em love em baby  
Black diamonds and pearls, if I ruled  
If I ruled the worldIf I ruled the world  
I love em love em baby!!

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