

## That's How We Do It

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Critics and cynics complain that it's a fallacy  
Claiming rap music has a lack of musicality  
But in reality none of the critics can rap  
So they don't know the facts but they're always on the  
attack see

Rhythm and poetry that's what a rap is  
It takes musicality, focus and practice  
The rhythm is rapid like the notes of a jazz lick  
Or if it's a triplet it slows down like traffic  
You might point out that it lacks a melody  
But rap can be melodic like Ella or Della Reese  
I don't care about your musical pedigrees  
Cos I'm the half breed of a jazz funk legacy  
You better be on point when you diss it  
Cos we know the critics of rap are all bigots  
So dig it

This is how I kick it and it's beautiful  
Don't ever try to tell me that my rap isn't musical  
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That's why I love this hip hop music  
The same critics talking trash and dissing rap  
Listen to jazz, rhythm and blues and classical gas  
Maybe they never studied the past or just don't mind  
That jazz wasn't considered a music at one time  
They don't want to admit that it might last  
A very long time like jazz and it's no fad  
Rap tracks continue to pack kiddies knapsacks  
So listen to the sax sayin' somethin and that's that  
Now I can rap alone spontaneous like a saxophone solo  
Without a chaperone or a stack of poems  
I'm deep like a baritone singing in catacombs  
Back in the days I used to freestyle for accolades  
What other musical genre besides rap  
Crafts lyric gems just as rhythmic as hi-hats  
What other music improvises up wisecracks  
To make the crowd happily clap

And why's that?

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That's why I love this hip hop music  
See I grew up in Philly listening to the Roots  
And Black Thought taught me the rules of this rap sport  
And now I'm hip-hoppin' on planes taking it worldwide  
To make the fellas clap and the beautiful girls sigh  
And every now and then critics emerge  
Telling me rap's not a music and I think it's absurd  
Cos I transcribe the rhythms and I know that I'm right  
And I show and prove my theory when I'm holding the mic  
I know you might not respect what I do  
But at least hear me out when I'm stepping to you  
Cos I'm not your average cat waving a gat  
When I rap I freestyle while I'm taking a nap  
Making them clap to the music as I travel the globe  
A representative  
With my pen I give a sensitive consideration to my

sentences

That's the concept

Take it to the hook let me put it in context