

# Why? (The King of Love Is Dead)

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What? gonna happen now? In all of our cities?  
My people are rising; they? e living in lies.  
Even if they have to die  
Even if they have to die at the moment they know what life is  
Even at that one moment that ya know what life is  
If you have to die, it? all right  
Cause you know what life is  
You know what freedom is for one moment of your life  
But he had seen the mountaintop  
And he knew he could not stop  
Always living with the threat of death ahead  
Folks you? better stop and think  
Everybody knows we? e on the brink  
What will happen, now that the King is dead?  
We can all shed tears; it won? change a thing  
Teach your people: Will they ever learn?  
Must you always kill with burn and burn with guns  
And kill with guns and burn - don? you know how we gotta react?  
But he had seen the mountaintop  
And he knew he could not stop  
Always living with the threat of death ahead  
Folks you? better stop and think  
Everybody knows we? e on the brink  
What will happen, now that the King of love is dead?  
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