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## Watching the World

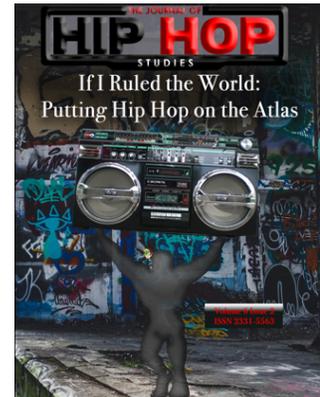
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## The Tupac Shakur Memorial Poems/Songs

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### A Sequence

#### No. 4: Watching the World

(For Rap Music, to the Memory of Tupac Shakur)

I walk the Earth with dizzy feet,  
Back from yonder, up from the grave,  
And with each step I see deceit  
And how their change is still a knave.

**Chorus:** Watching the world, what do I see?  
Such ills that break the heart in me.  
Some things that've happened since I left  
Have left our planet more bereft.

} *To be sung,  
the other  
stanzas rapped*

How things have worsened! And it stuns  
That anyone would think it's cool:  
Even some babies got their guns  
To shoot at babies gone to school.

*Repeat chorus.*

And now gun-murder goes to church  
To maim and kill for the god of race.  
How long will some nation bear to lurch  
Ahead in such disgrace?

*Repeat chorus.*

I pace the Earth with dizzy eyes,  
Up from yonder, back from the grave,  
And I see with no surprise:  
Their change is not the type I crave.

*Repeat chorus.*

The march by some to prove they matter,  
That their lives is not some gutter  
In which others can blow their noses,  
Their legs apart in prideful poses.

*Repeat chorus.*

The Earth still sizzles for unconcern;  
Thank those who lead before they learn.  
Drunk with power, besotted with wealth,  
They care less for our planet's health.

*Repeat chorus.*

And when, I ask, shall it become  
A change that's real and meant to last,  
And not change in its present form  
That mocks change and apes the past?

*Repeat chorus.*

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