**Why I Think This World Should End**

**By Prince EA**

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| **The world is coming to an end****The air is polluted, the oceans contaminatedThe animals are going extinct, the economy’s collapsedEducation is shot, police are corruptIntelligence is shunned and ignorance rewardedThe people are depressed and angryWe can’t live with each other and we can’t live with ourselvesSo everyone’s medicatedWe pass each other on the streetsAnd if we do speak it’s meaningless robotic communicationMore people want 15 seconds of fameThan a lifetime of meaning and purposeBecause what’s popular is more important than what’s rightRatings are more important than the truthOur government builds twice as many prisons than schoolsIt’s easier to find a Big Mac than an appleAnd when you find the appleIt’s been genetically processed and modifiedPresidents lie, politicians trick usRace is still an issue and so is religionYour God doesn’t exist, my God does and he is All-LovingIf you disagree with me I’ll kill youOr even worse argue you to death92% of songs on the radio are about sexKids don’t play tag, they play twerk videosThe average person watches 5 hours of television a dayAnd it’s more violence on the screen than ever beforeTechnology has given us everything we could ever wantAnd at the same time stolen everything we really needPride is at an all-time high, humility, an all-time lowEverybody knows everything, everybody’s going somewhereIgnoring someone, blaming somebodyNot many human beings left anymore, a lot of human doingsPlenty of human lingering’s in the past, not many human beingsMoney is still the root of all evilYet we tell our kids don’t get that degreeThe jobs don’t pay enoughGood deeds are only done when there’s a profit marginVideos of the misfortunes of others go viralWe laugh and share them with our friends to laugh with usOur role models today** | **60 years ago would have been examples of what not to beThere are states where people can legally be discriminated Against Because they were born a certain way** **Companies invest millions of dollars hiring specialists to make Little girls feel like they need “make up” to be beautifulPermanently lowering their self-esteemBecause they will never be pretty enoughTo meet those impossible standardsCorporations tell us buy, buy, buy, get this, get thatYou must keep up, you must fit inThis will make you happy, but it never does for longSo what can we do in the face of all of this madness and chaos?What is the solution? We can loveNot the love you hear in your favorite song on the radioI mean real love, true love, boundless loveYou can love, love each otherFrom the moment we wake up to the moment we go to bedPerform an act of kindness because that is contagiousWe can be mindful during every interactionPlanting seeds of goodnessShowing a little more compassion than usualWe can forgiveBecause 300 years from now will that grudge you hold againstYour friend, your mother, your father have been worth it?Instead of trying to change others we can change ourselvesWe can change our heartsWe have been sold liesBrainwashed by our leaders and those we trustTo not recognize our brothers and sistersAnd to exhibit anger, hatred and crueltyBut once we truly love we will meet anger with sympathyHatred with compassion, cruelty with kindnessLove is the most powerful weapon on the face of the EarthRobert Kennedy once said thatFew will have the greatness to bend historyBut each of us can work to change a small portion of eventsAnd in the total of all those actsWill be written in the history of a generationSo yes, the world is coming to an endAnd the path towards a new beginning starts within you** |

**Directions: On the back of this lyric sheet or a sheet of lined paper, engage with the spoken word poem by answering the questions below.**

**1. Read back through the spoken word poem and make a list of the 5 biggest “problems or issues”, in your opinion, listed in the piece.**

**2. Of the ones you chose, which issue do you feel the strongest about? Explain in three sentences why it matters to you.**

**3. How can the problem you chose be solved, or made better? Explain in three sentences how you think this could be accomplished.**

**4. HOMEWORK: Have someone else read this spoken word (parent/guardian, older sibling, neighbor, coach) and have them sign the back of this form on the bottom. This will be turned in.**