**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 contaminated The animals are going extinct, the economy’s collapsed Education is shot, police are corrupt Intelligence is shunned and ignorance rewarded The people are depressed and angry We can’t live with each other and we can’t live with ourselves So everyone’s medicated We pass each other on the streets And if we do speak it’s meaningless robotic communication More people want 15 seconds of fame Than a lifetime of meaning and purpose Because what’s popular is more important than what’s right Ratings are more important than the truth Our government builds twice as many prisons than schools It’s easier to find a Big Mac than an apple And when you find the apple It’s been genetically processed and modified Presidents lie, politicians trick us Race is still an issue and so is religion Your God doesn’t exist, my God does and he is All-Loving If you disagree with me I’ll kill you Or even worse argue you to death 92% of songs on the radio are about sex Kids don’t play tag, they play twerk videos The average person watches 5 hours of television a day And it’s more violence on the screen than ever before Technology has given us everything we could ever want And at the same time stolen everything we really need Pride is at an all-time high, humility, an all-time low Everybody knows everything, everybody’s going somewhere Ignoring someone, blaming somebody Not many human beings left anymore, a lot of human doings Plenty of human lingering’s in the past, not many human beings Money is still the root of all evil Yet we tell our kids don’t get that degree The jobs don’t pay enough Good deeds are only done when there’s a profit margin Videos of the misfortunes of others go viral We laugh and share them with our friends to laugh with us Our role models today** | **60 years ago would have been examples of what not to be There 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 beautiful Permanently lowering their self-esteem Because they will never be pretty enough To meet those impossible standards Corporations tell us buy, buy, buy, get this, get that You must keep up, you must fit in This will make you happy, but it never does for long So what can we do in the face of all of this madness and chaos? What is the solution? We can love Not the love you hear in your favorite song on the radio I mean real love, true love, boundless love You can love, love each other From the moment we wake up to the moment we go to bed Perform an act of kindness because that is contagious We can be mindful during every interaction Planting seeds of goodness Showing a little more compassion than usual We can forgive Because 300 years from now will that grudge you hold against Your friend, your mother, your father have been worth it? Instead of trying to change others we can change ourselves We can change our hearts We have been sold lies Brainwashed by our leaders and those we trust To not recognize our brothers and sisters And to exhibit anger, hatred and cruelty But once we truly love we will meet anger with sympathy Hatred with compassion, cruelty with kindness Love is the most powerful weapon on the face of the Earth Robert Kennedy once said that Few will have the greatness to bend history But each of us can work to change a small portion of events And in the total of all those acts Will be written in the history of a generation So yes, the world is coming to an end And 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.**