

# I Was There

## KRS-One & Marley Marl

Advisory - the following lyrics contain explicit language:

Do it Marley, ha, killin' 'em  
You killin' 'em, where were you?  
I wanna talk about these rap historians  
Y'all better get it together, where were you?  
I be readin' your books, where were you?  
Y'all better get it together, word up  
When Hot 97 started I was there  
When Rap City got started I was there  
When KDAY got started I was there  
When Jive Records got started I was there  
When Yo MTV Raps started I was there  
When The Source magazines started I was there  
When Cedric and Seda started I was there  
When Biggie was doin' his album I was there  
When Tookie Williams was buried I was there  
'73, Cedar Park I was there  
One-twenty-three park I was there  
You ain't tellin' me the history 'cause I was there, I was there  
And where were you? Where were you?  
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Where were you?  
When Moe Dee challenged LL I was there  
When that bus blew up in London I was there  
When Death Row challenged Bad Boy at the Source Awards  
In New York at the Garden, yup I was there  
When Kwame Toure formerly known as Stokely Carmichael  
Was passin' on I was there  
When Nelson Mandela was freed from prison  
And spoke out at Yankee Stadium in New York I was there  
For all the births of my children I was there  
When the Rodney King uprisings happened I was there  
These objective rap historians tryin' to document  
Hip hop from outside forget it I was there, I was there  
And where were you? Where were you?  
And where were you? Where were you?  
And where were you? Where were you?  
Where were you?  
Look, The Jive Records label, I was there  
The Columbia Records label, I was there  
The Elektra Records label, I was there

The Warner Brothers Records label, I was there  
The Koch Records label, I was there  
The Capitol Records label, I was there  
I know about they contracts 'cause I was there  
I wrote and rewrote most of 'em when I was there  
I ain't readin' a book or recitin' a hook  
I am hip hop itself 'cause yup I was there  
Y'all need to get it together with hip hop's history  
And get it right 'cause yup I was there, I was there  
And where were you? Where were you?  
And where were you? Where were you?  
And where were you? Where were you?  
Where were you?

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