Demography Rap Lyrics  
  
VERSE 1  
Demography, study of human population  
Four basic factors when lookin' at a nation  
Birth rate, death rate, then the "long vacation"  
Going out and comin' in with "em" and immigration  
  
To figure out the rates, take the number per year  
Divide by the population, that much is clear?  
times it by a thousand, and then you're done  
It's the same formula for all four of your factors son  
  
But is that it? Is that all we need to know?  
Cuz knowing these numbers doesn't tell us if we grow!  
We gotta take away deaths from births to really see  
6 births and 3 deaths, means we've only grown by 3  
  
That's the natural increase, and that's great  
Let's do the same with immigration - call it migration rate  
30 immigrants doesn't mean 30 more  
Cuz 26 people left so we're only up by 4  
  
CHORUS  
Demography, study of human population (you gotta know it, you gotta know it) (repeat)  
  
VERSE 2  
How many people on the planet?   
7 billion. But some people can't stand it!  
They think we're gonna overpopulate, run out of food and room  
Thomas Malthus, and Paul Erlich, they sing the same tune  
  
China sings it too, and tried to find an answer  
Government treatin' babies like a cancer  
Forcing one child only is such a crime  
Steve Mosher fightin it, savin' one child at a time  
  
No kids, who supports you when you're old?  
Oh you'll see when you got a heavy dependency load  
65 plus and 14 down  
Those are seniors and children needin' working adults around  
  
CHORUS  
  
VERSE 3  
Population pyramid shapes tell a lot  
Big bottom triangle, means you've got a growing pop  
If it's shaped like a dome, then you've got a stable home  
It'll drop, if its largest in the middle or the top  
  
It's all about balance, can't you see?  
Numbers aren't the problem, it's selfishness and greed  
We've got enough food, and we've got enough land  
You can make our world better if you give a helping hand  
  
Take what you learn, and see where you fit in  
You've got purpose and this earth is needin you to make it spin (2X)