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## HEAVYWEIGHT DUB CHAMPION, "Rise of the Champion Nation" (Champion Nation)

☆☆☆ — You would be hard pressed to say something bad about hip-hop great KRS-ONE. If you did,

he might spit some hardcore lyrics and put your career on hold like he did to MC Sha years ago.

Luckily, he is only on three songs of the 15-track effort by HDC — "Arrival," "Rise" and "King of the Mountain," with the last contribution being the best.

Most of this album can be summarized in two sentences and one word. Those are: America is in a bad way. Former President George Bush is evil. Revolution.

People who are fans of club music, upbeat dance tracks, should not buy this album. You simply will not hear any of that, at least not right now, from this music and art collective from Colorado.

"Rise of the Champion Nation" is filled with dark, political and socially motivated frustration and cries for help. That being said, the aforementioned tracks as well as "Babylon Beast" featuring Killah Priest are head nodders. Unless you're an activist, you can skip the rest of the album. *(Michael DiVittorio)*