## Talib Kweli f/ Raheem DeVaughn, UGK ''Country Cousins''

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[Intro: Raheem DeVaughn] Down cousins.. across the border I got cousins.. country cousins I got cousins.. country cousins WHOO!

[Talib Kweli over Intro] Yo son, what the deal son? What's really hood son? (what's really hood?) Word is bond, shit is real, shit is real Yo son, this block is def Nigga need to go over here and pop off real quick I gotta get that guap by all means, you know what I'm sayin son

[Talib Kweli] Growing up in Brooklyn, shit I thought that everybody talked this way Raised on Rakim and Run-D.M.C., so we thought that everybody + walked this way+ "We fresh, we chill, we def, we ill," it's just some things that was taught to say And every Saturday morning, I watched cartoons with a bowl of Frosted Flakes And.. the puberty came, started hitting them cuties with game and the truancy came (uh!) Started cutting in acting class, I was comin all fast, I was new to the game (uh!) Used to playin on T.V., courtesy of video music box Plus! Knew a lot of hustlas, goin O.T., comin back with the new hip-hop Like! E-40 holding down the yay (that yay), N.W.A. in L.A. OutKast from the A-Town, way down in Houston they play the UGK I walk and talk kinda fast and thought of as a New York kinda rhymer (word is bond) But must New Yorkers got family in South and North Carolina (come on!)

L.A. is little Alabama, they walk and they talk with a country grammar

And you think everybody else sound country, so they get started, started callin 'em "Bama Down south where we buy them hammers, down south where we sell them drugs Down south where life is cheap, where they quick to fill you up with slugs

[Chorus Talib Kweli w/ Raheem DeVaughn singing in background]

It's nothin, I'm from New York but I got country cousins It's nothin, you stay connected by the slang you bustin Want it simply put? You can't rip me when I spit for the Section One free

I'ma underground king, nigga Pimp C free Word up to my man Bun B what?

It's nothin, I'm from New York but I got country cousins It's nothin, you stay connected by the slang you bustin The thing you bustin, the game you hustlin, the days your cuttin

The flame you cuffin and the lames you snuffin, your name is nothin!

## [Bun B]

Growing up in P.A., I knew nobody out there talked like us

Nothin but that county slang, "What up dog? What up cuzz?"

Late night you see us guzzling 40's, menthols, wine, and weed

Sitting on the back porch, getting zooted, feeling fine in deed

Listening to Eric B.and Rakim or EPMD

Cool C and Steady B, plus that Public Enemy

Not to mention N.W.A., DJ Quik, and MC Eiht

Down south we listen to it all, we didn't discriminate Better off them Geto Boys, Raheem, and the Royal Flush

Rap-A-Lot Records based out in Houston, represents for us

O.G. style, they cars, fix them vogues with human trouble

Our squad is gangsta nigga, put it down for H-Town on the double

So I said, "It's time to hustle," got down with my brother C

Put together UGK and shit the rest is history We make hits by the dozen, put it down when they said we wasn't

Trust me it's nothin, just another day in the life for country cousins

[Chorus]

[Pimp C]

In Brooklyn, New York I'm down with Large and Marl Back in P.A.T., man we be sippin the barre I'm down with J. from Houston and I think it should be But when I'm mobbin L.A. I fuck with Ice-T Short Dog is my O.G., we been down forever Taught me the game, lane to lane, and keep my pimpin together Niggaz don't understand by far back in the day It was amazing and my brother put me up on Black Star Starving blacks on the news, I weighed Cause we isolate ourselves and give our ghetto pass away My niggaz passed away in an unreal way They mommas depleted, I'm just tryna make sure that their kids straight I'm on the chitalin tour with my mic in my hand Shittin on these jealous niggaz in the new world clan I wouldn't trade it for nothin, only a crazy man would I represent for the whole South, I made it just for my hood The pimpin's good... [Raheem DeVaughn] I got cousins (I got cousins), country cousins (country cousins) Like blood that's thicker than water (it's nothin), down dirty 'cross the border I got cousins (I got cousins), country cousins (country cousins) Like blood that's thicker than water (it's nothin), down dirty 'cross the border

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