

## The Everly Brothers

### "The Proud"

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[Talib Kweli]

The proud  
Stand tall or don't stand at all, c'mon  
Uhh, yeah  
Break it down  
What we do?

[Chorus]

We survive, it's more than pride  
We stay alive, ready to ride

[Chorus] - repeat through intro

[Intro: Talib Kweli]

One two, one two yo  
Aight.. put it down yo  
June 21, 2001  
Timothy McVeigh is executed  
And the country breathe a sigh of relief  
Goodness prevails over evil, it seems  
Somehow when he's gone, we feel safer  
Little do we know

[Verse One]

Today the paper say Timothy McVeigh's in hell  
So everything's okay and all must be well  
I remember Oklahoma when they put out the blaze  
And put Islamic terrorist bombing, on the front page  
It's like saying only gays get AIDS, propaganda  
Like saying the problem's over when they locked that  
man up  
Wrong! It's just the beginning, the first inning  
Battle for America's soul, the devil's winning  
The President is Bush, the Vice President's a Dick  
So a whole lot of fuckin is what we gon' get  
They don't wanna raise the babies so the election is  
fixed  
That's why we don't be fuckin with politics  
They bet on that, parents fought and got wet for that  
Hosed down, bit by dogs, and got blacks into house  
arrest for that

It's all good except for that - we still poor  
Money, power and respect is what we kill for, for real

[Chorus] - repeat through interlude

[Interlude]

August 4, 2001

A drunken police officer mows down an entire family in  
Brooklyn

The judge lets him go with no bail

It reminds us, of just how worthless our lives are to the  
justice system

I struggle, to explain the situation to my son, it's hard

[Verse Two]

Niggaz with knowledge is more dangerous than than  
niggaz with guns

They make the guns easy to get and try to keep niggaz  
dumb

Target the gangs and graffiti with the Prop 21

I already know the deal but what the fuck do I tell my  
son?

I want him livin right, livin good, respect the rules

He's five years old and he still thinkin cops is cool

How do I break the news that when he gets some size

He'll be percieved as a threat or see the fear in they  
eyes

It's in they job description to terminate the threat

So 41 shots to the body is what he can expect

The precedent is set, don't matter if he follow the law

I know I'll give my son pride and make him swallow it all  
(damn!)

Fuck the pigs! I think the pigs killed Big and 'Pac too

If they didn't they know who did, they got to!

Who they serve and protect, nigga not you

Cops shot off of ten G's but they got glocks too

Let you protect yourself, or better yet respect yourself

Straight into the hospital is where you gotta check  
yourself

They be gettin tips from snitches and rival crews

Doin them favors so they workin for the drug dealers  
too

Just business enforcers with hate in they holsters

Shoot you in the back, won't face you like a soldier

Kurt Loder asked me what I say to a dead cop's wife

Cops kill my people everyday, that's life

[Chorus] - repeat through final interlude

[Final Interlude]

September 11, 2001

Terrorists attack the Pentagon and the World Trade Center  
Kills thousand and permanently scars America's false sense of security  
We see the best examples of humanity in the face of the worst  
As fire fighters, police officers, rescue workers and volunteers of all sorts, fight to save lives  
The world will never be the same again

[Verse Three]

My heart go out to everybody at Ground Zero  
Red, black, yellow, white and brown heroes  
It's more complicated than black and white  
To give your own life is the greatest sacrifice  
But it's hard for me to walk down the block  
Seeing rats and roaches, crack viles and 40 ounce posters  
People broken down from years of oppression  
Become patriots when they way of life is threatened  
It's a hard conversation to have  
We lost kids, moms and dads, people ready to fight for the flag  
Damn, when did shit get this bad?  
America kill the innocent too, the cycle of violence is sad  
Damn! Welcome to the world, we here  
We've been at, war for years but it's much more clear (yeah)  
We got to face what lies ahead  
Fight for our truth and freedom and, ride for the dead

[Chorus] - repeat to end

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