

## Rodney Atkins

### "Family"

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Family reunion, 4th of July  
It's been three years since I've seen it  
Now I remember why  
Aunt Charlotte's at the door  
Big smile on her face  
The first thing she says to me:  
"Looks like you've gained some weight"  
You only get that kind of honesty  
From family

Uncle Joe's getting plastered  
Aunt Marthe's getting mad  
Same old cousin Doug  
Same old jokes, same old bad  
Mama has to keep reminding me  
Son, they're family

A few new babies, the same old crazies  
I've known 'em my whole life  
And they still amaze me  
I didn't choose 'em  
But I'd hate to lose 'em  
Cause you gotta love 'em  
They're family

Cousin Linda showed up  
With her new sweetheart  
I had to laugh when daddy whispered  
Fifth time might be the charm  
And there's a brother Lester  
In the city, just flew in  
All the way from way out (?)  
We're still not sure about him  
But different as we are it's good to be  
In family

A few new babies, the same old crazies  
I've known 'em my whole life  
And they still amaze me  
I didn't choose 'em  
Wouldn't wanna lose 'em

Cause you gotta love 'em  
Man, they're family

When mama said the blessings  
She was fightin' back the tears  
Cause the last time we were all together  
Grandpa was here  
She knew how proud he'd be  
And how much he'd love to see

A few new babies, the same old crazies  
I've known 'em my whole life  
And they still amaze me  
Don't get to choose 'em  
But you hate to lose 'em  
You gotta love 'em  
Cause they're family

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