

## **Black Eyed Peas, The "Lil' Lil'"**

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[Chorus in Tagalog]

Lapit mga kaibigan at makinig kayo  
Ako'y may dala-dalang, balita galing sa bayan ko  
Nais kong ipamahagi ang mga kwento  
Ang mga pangyayaring nagaganap  
Sa lupang pinangako

[English Translation:]

(Come closer my friends and everyone listen  
I brought news from my homeland  
I'll tell you how we live and what goes on  
From my beloved homeland.)

[Verse one, Apl.De.Ap]

Every place got a ghetto this is my version  
Check it out...  
Listen closely yo, I got a story to tell  
A version of my ghetto where life felt for real  
Some would call it hell but to me it was heaven  
God gave me the grace, amazin' ways of living  
How would you feel if you had to catch your meal?  
Build a hut to live and to eat and chill in.  
Having to pump the water outta the ground  
The way we put it down utilizing what is around  
Like land for farming, river for fishing  
Everyone helpin' each other whenever they can  
We makin' it happen, from nothin' to somethin'  
That's how we be survivin' back in my homeland

[Chorus]

[Verse two, Apl.De.Ap]

Yo, its been a while but..  
I been back home to my homeland, (check it out) to see  
what's going on  
Man it feels good to be back at home  
And it's been a decade, on the journey all alone

I was fourteen when I first left Philippines  
I've been away half my life, but it felt like a day  
To be next to my mom with her home cooked meal  
Meant I felt complete, my emotions I feel!  
Now life has changed for me in the U.S  
But back at home man, life was a mess...  
I guess sometimes life's stresses gets you down  
On your knees, oh brother I wish I could have helped  
you out...

[Chorus]

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