

De La Soul F/ Redman

"The Apl Song"

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[Chorus - spoken in Tagalog]

Lapit mga kaibigan at makinig kayo! (Listen up y'all)

Ako'y may dala-dalang

Balita galing sa bayan ko. (Listen closely y'all)

Nais kong ipamahagi ang mga kuento

Ang mga pangyayaring nagaganap

Sa lupang pinangako

[Translation:

Come together my friends and listen up

I've brought news from my native land

I would like to share stories

About 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 of it
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]

Help me, help me, help me, help me, help me, help
me... {*fades out*}

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