

# Vapors

Biz Markie

Can you feel it  
Nothin' can save ya  
For this is the season of catchin' the vapors  
And since I got time, what I'm gonna do

Is tell ya how to spread it throughout my crew  
Well you all know TJ Swan who sang on my records  
Made the music, "Nobody Beats the Biz"  
Well, check it

Back in the days before this began  
He usually tried to talk to this girl name Fran  
The type of female with fly Gucci wear  
With big trunk jewelry and extensions in her hair

When Swan tried to kick it, she always fessed  
Talkin' about "Nigger, please, you work for UPS"  
Since he wasn't no type of big drug dealer  
My man TJ Swan didn't appeal to her

But now he trucks gold and wears fly Valley boots  
Rough leather fashions and tough silk suits  
Now she stop frontin' an' wants to speak  
And be comin' to all the shows

Every single weekend  
To get his beeper number, she'd be beggin' please  
Dyin' for the day to get skeezed  
She caught the vapors

I got another partner that's calm and plain  
He goes by the name of the Big Daddy Kane  
A mellow type of fellow that's laid back  
Back in the days, he was nothin' like that

I remember when he used to fight every day  
What grown-ups would tell him he would never obey  
He wore his pants hangin' down and his sneakers untied  
And a rasta-type Kango tilted to the side

Around his neighborhood, people treated him bad  
And said he was the worst thing his mom's ever had  
They said that he will grow up to be nothin' but a hoodlum  
Or either injail or someone would shoot him

But now he's grown up, to their surprise  
Big Daddy got a hit record sellin' worldwide  
Now the same people that didn't like him as a child be sayin'  
Can I borrow a dollar, ooh, you're a star now

They caught the vapors  
Now I got a cousin by the name of Von Lee  
Better known to y'all as Cutmaster Cool V  
He cuts scratch, transform with finesse

(Cuts and scratches)and all that mess  
Well I remember when he first started to rock

And tried to get his job in a record shop  
He was in it to win it but the boss fronted

Said, "Sorry Mr. Lee, but there's no help wanted"  
Now my cousin Von still tried on and on and on  
'Til the like break of dawn  
To put this J-O-B in effect

But they'd look right past him and be like "next"  
Now for the year of '88  
Cool V is makin' dollars so my cousin's like straight  
He walks into the same record shop as before

And the boss'll be like, "Von, welcome to my store"  
Offerin' him a job but naw, he don't want it  
Damn it feels goo to see people up on it  
'Cause I remember when at first they wasn't

Now guess what they caught from my cousin  
The vapors  
They caught the vapors  
Last subject of the story is about Biz Mark

I had to work for mine to put your body in park  
When I was a teenager, I wanted to be down  
With a lot of M.C. deejayin' crews in town  
So in school on Nobel Street, I say "Can I be down, champ"

They said no and treated me like a wet food stamp  
After gettin' rejected, I was very depressed  
Sat and wrote some def doo-doo rhymes at my rest  
When I used to come to parties they'd make me pay

I'd have to beg to get on the mike and rap that day  
I was never into girls, I was just into my music  
They acted like I wanted to keep it  
Instead of tryin' to use it

But now things switched without belief  
"Yo, Biz, do you remember me from Nober Street, chief?  
We used to be down back in the days"  
It happens all the time and never ceases to amaze

They caught the vapors