

# Latino

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Uhh, look around in my neighborhood (aquí en el barrio, tú sabes)  
See how we live, see right there on that corner  
That's where they sell the drugs (la manteca broder)  
Run the numbers and, play dominoes, whistle at the fly ladies  
You know, I'm Latino, hahahahaha (pa que sepa)

The dope gets sold by the bodega  
While y'all call it dope, we call it the manteca  
We don't look for lotto numbers in the newspaper  
We play it right over the counter by the Now & Later  
Sit down on milk crates and play dominoes  
¡Capicu! Slam it down, tell 'em adios  
Another round of beers before we go upstairs  
And watch a fuzzy TV on some of the oldest chairs  
Relax, take a bath and get nice and clean  
Come out just in time for dinner, you know rice and beans  
A little chicken, maybe tostones, it's up to Ma  
She might be tired keepin this house all up to par  
Sometimes I look out the window and see some nice wheels  
I got a thing for rims, they give me slight chills  
Round here you get killed over a ice-grill  
Guns pop but the O.G.'s carry knives still (word)

(Latinooooo) I'm that and I'm proud  
If you don't know us let me tell you about (Latinooooos)  
We got beautiful women (la-la-la la-la-la la-la)  
And they all seem to know their way around the kitchen  
I'm (Latinooooo) yeah we stick together  
We had hard lives so our skin is thick forever  
We (Latinooooos) I'm that and I'm proud (la la la la la laaaaa)  
If you don't know us let me tell you about

See e'ry block got a different crew  
This kid I knew got paralyzed cause of his tattoo  
And he wasn't in a gang  
Just some young punk tryin to come up and get a name  
Put a bullet in his brain, it's a shame  
But yo, on a better note  
Latina women look so good from head to toe, get 'em and never let 'em go  
Baseball is big in my town  
So is boxing, a hundred he don't see the ninth round  
These young girls is fresh, they like to get piped down  
Babies havin babies, guess who on the WIC line now?  
Guess who got welfare? Guess who on Medicaid?  
Guess who left they kid with their girl for eleven days?  
Without callin, cause he's ballin  
One year from now he'll have a child support warrant  
It happen all the time in my community  
That's the difference between someone like you and me - I'm

Big Chino got a truck, and a bike, and a boat  
But Chino got a gun cause his life full of coke  
And Chino havin fun, he don't like bein broke  
But Chino gon' be done, FBI is no joke  
And I don't want Chi' to get knocked  
When the truck around he buy ice cream for the block  
See where I'm from the kids look up to the hustlers

Even if they're family with some of the customers  
My abuela used to tell me to stay off the corner  
You heard what happened to Mrs. Rivera's daughter?  
See she had got caught in the crossfire right there in broad day  
Shot her in the back tryin run in the hallway  
By my buildin all you hear is, "Oye  
Ten cuidado la policia esta en la esquina de Broadway"  
There's action all the time in my neighborhood  
But see we all mind our business like a neighbor should

See this one right here is for all my Latinos around the world  
Around the world man, there's so many of us man  
Be proud of who you are man, I love y'all niggaz  
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