

Cousins
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C
Now some people say we're all brothers and sisters
F C
But that's just a figure of speech,
C
Your parents weren't mine, and mine weren't yours
G C
No matter what preachers may preach.

Chorus:

C F
But you know we're all cousins
C
We really are cousins
G
That's the literal truth
C C7
Your skin may be white, brown, yellow, or tan,
F
But way back when, when people began
C
There was one loving woman, and one loving man
G
And those were our folks, you gotta understand
F G C
So, cousin, cousin, let me take your hand.

Now some folks see our start in evolution,
Others say it was Adam and Eve,
Either way it's the same
We've got one family name
Either way you just gotta believe

(Chorus)

That we really are cousins, we really are cousins...

Now your Uncle Ivan and my Uncle Charlie
Sometimes they didn't agree
They argued a lot
Too bad they forgot
They shared a root on that big family tree.

(Chorus)

Which makes us all cousins, we really are cousins...

New verse, in honor of Barack Obama, 11/30/2008

Now it wasn't in America, Europe, or Asia
Where people all began
That first loving woman and first loving man
Don't you know they were African

So we're all cousins, African cousins, etc.
So cousin, cousin let me take your hand