

(You said you hadn't been feeling too good.)

I'd been sick. They wanted me to settle for a a little prayer, but before offering a prayer it's customary to say a few words, you know. And I appreciate that. And I'm one the older ones and I always try to use my language the best I know how, you know. Sometimes, you know, my mind is not too good. And, especially, when you get sick a time or two, you don't have the power. You don't have the thoughts like you used to. It seems like you forget, you know.

(Slips away, slips away.)

Yeah. You don't put the words in there like you want to. I'm that way last couple years, I know that. Years before, I used to get up and just pour it out, you know. But the last couple years now, well, that's one reason I don't go around to try to say too much. Because I might make a mistake. Might hurt somebody's feelings.

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(Would you call those the good old cays back when you were younger?)

I believe nowadays, you know, it's everything luxuries. A person got money. It's much better all right. But those that don't have too much money and struggling to live on, it keeps them pretty busy, to try to figure things out how to get by. And those that got plenty don't have too much worry, 'cause their income is big enough to buy this and buy that and still have lot left. But there's some of my people that just barely existing, barely going on now because our income is dropping, and there's no way we can help ourselves. We tried it in Washington. We tried it in Oklahoma here. We just ain't done no good.

(You said while ago about fourteen bands was it?)

Yeah. There's about fourteen bands in all.