The Vaughan Brothers – Family Style (1990)



1. Hard To Be - 4:41 2. White Boots - 3:50 3. D/FW - 2:49 4. Good Texan - 4:22 5. Hillbillies From Outerspace - 3:35 6. Long Way From Home - 3:15 play 7. Tick Tock - 4:57 8. Telephone Song - 3:28 play

9. Baboom/Mama Said - 4:29 10. Brothers - 5:05
Jimmie Vaughan & Stevie Ray Vaughan - Guitar, Vocals Al Berry, Preston Hubbard - Bass Larry Aberman, Doyle Bramhall - Drums with Richard Hilton - Keyboards Rockin' Sydney - Accordion Stan Harrison, Steve Elson - Alto, Tenor, Baritone Saxophones

Family Style is a blues-rock album by the Vaughan Brothers, released September 1990. The album features the brethren guitarists and vocalists, Jimmie and Stevie Ray Vaughan, in their only studio collaboration. In his early years, Stevie Ray Vaughan often remarked that he would like to do an album with his brother. He fulfilled that wish in his very last studio performance. The liner notes end with "Thanks Mama V. for letting us play."

Stevie Ray Vaughan died in a helicopter crash on August 27, 1990, just as the first single from this CD, the beautiful Motown/soul-inspired workout "Tick Tock," was about to climb the charts and make the blues-rock hero an international superstar. Thankfully, he was able to make this delightful and laid-back album with his brother. For Jimmie and Stevie Ray, it was a kind of spiritual reunion. Jimmie had followed Stevie down the path to sobriety. These New York City sessions were a spirited celebration intended to mark the beginning of their musical partnership. While some tunes sound like the result of mere jamming, "Telephone Song" is one of Stevie's best numbers: an elegant blues shout with screaming guitar breaks. And Jimmie's B-3 organ-like textures on steel guitar astound. --Ted Drozdowski

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