Uncle Sam

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I'm your nephew, yes it's true, oh, can't you hear me Uncle Sam

Can I sit upon your bended knee just like the other man?

Didn't I die in Vietnam and didn't I walk in Birmingham?

I'm your nephew, yes it's true, oh, can't you hear me Uncle SamHear me, hear meDidn't I sail the water against my every will?

Didn't I fetch that water when your bucket needed a refill?

Where was all the water when the fire was burning up the cross?

I'm your nephew too it's true, oh, hear me, Mr. BossI'm your nephew, yes it's true, oh, can't you hear me Uncle

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I'm your nephew, yes it's true, oh, can't you hear me Uncle SamCan you hear me, can you hear me? Listen to meDidn't I get all A's in school, oh, yes I did now Uncle Sam

My books did not have covers on 'em still I did the best I can

How come I can't get no job, I just don't understand

Don't you love me anymore, why can't you tell me Uncle SamI'm your nephew, yes it's true, oh, can't you hear me Uncle Sam

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I'm your nephew, yes it's true, oh, can't you hear me Uncle SamI've lived the life a citizen's supposed to

So why I gotta be the illegitimate nephew

Remember me, Uncle Sam I fought your war

And went all out not knowing what I was fighting forSam why'd you let them rape my great grandmother?

Then go to the oak tree and hang her brother

When Abe was slaving there wasn't a fuss

So where was you when they was in my yard burning the cross? Do you love me or what, Uncle Sam, what is it?

You wanna maim me and claim the grand wizard

I'll let that pass and marched for a just 'cause

Then got uncivilized rights with unenforced lawsPassed your curriculum got a diploma

And can't get a job 'cause my skin has color

You say things changed between now and then

Now, I wanna know the difference between me and him?I'm your nephew, yes it's true, oh, can't you hear me Uncle Sam

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