He Was My Brother

Paul Simon

He was my brother
Five years older than I
He was my brother
Twenty-three years old the day he diedFreedom writer
They cursed my brother to his face
Go home outsider
Mississippi's gonna be your buryin' placeHe was singin' on his knees
An angry mob trailed along
They shot my brother dead
Because he hated what was wrongHe was my brother
Tears can't bring him back to me
He, he was my brother
And he died so his brothers could be free
Oh died, he died so his brothers could be free

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