

# Uncle Sam

## Duke Reid

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 Sam  
Hear me, hear me Didn'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. Boss  
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Can you hear me, can you hear me? Listen to  
me Didn'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 Sam  
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I'm your nephew, yes it's true, oh, can't you hear me Uncle Sam  
I'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 for  
Sam 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 laws  
Passed 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?  
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