

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