## **Rainbow Man**

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I was born in Alabama, but I never knew my Momma
She gave me away at three months old
Some folks in Mississippi took me in an' kept me
An' treated me just like I was their ownA Holiness preacher man's daughter
And a hard-working sharecropper fatherAn' my Momma was Apache
My real Daddy? Hell, don't ask me
Momma says she don't remember him
An' I'm sure somewhere in my history
I've got some slave blood in me
An' some folks think that I look MexicanI never really fit in any place
'Cause there's always a part of me to hateI'm the rainbow man
That's who I am

I'm a little white an' black an' red and tanned
I've got all these different colors in my skin
I'm the rainbow manWell, I know you may doubt it
But if you stop an' think about it

There's one common thing that we've all got
People from all countries come here because they're hungry
For what's cookin' in America's meltin' potWe're all different but the same
Red's the only color in our veinsAnd I'm the rainbow man
Livin' in a rainbow land

I'm white an' black an' yellow an' brown an' red and tanned
And I'm so proud of all the colors that I am
I'm the rainbow manAll these colors make me American
I'm the rainbow man

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