

# My Uncle's Navy

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There's memories I'd pay to remove  
I'd cut them out myself  
If that were possible  
The kind you cry yourself blind about  
The kind that choke you out  
Choke you out I had an uncle who was not by blood  
He loved to scare all the little girls away  
And if you're tender-hearted  
You should stop the tape  
Stop the tape He pulled the heads off of garter snakes  
I cried so helpless for those  
Silent creatures  
Twisting away from  
The horror  
In the tarpit sea  
Memories wear thick coats  
The kind that pull you down  
But in refusing to drown  
You're choked into the shape of  
A sailor  
A sailor Deputized by the cruel god of children  
No running water in his soul.  
Just a hole  
That echoed when he'd call your name  
From down the hall His name was a command  
That cuts the ears off fighting dogs  
And wipes the knife  
On his militia pants  
Mercurochrome and merthiolate stains, oh  
Mercurochrome and merthiolate stans, oh And he's braggin' all the while  
"if i say that black is blue, it's blue.  
Black is blue, if i say it is." I never wondered what made him that way  
Bullies are not born  
They are pressed into a form  
And I hated those who gave him access  
To our days  
The ones who did nothin'  
I still can't love them Mercurochrome and merthiolate stains, oh  
Mercurochrome and merthiolate stans, oh In the tarpit sea

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