Love Me, I'm a Liberal

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I cried when they shot Medgar Evers

Tears ran down my spine
I cried when they shot Mr. Kennedy

As though I'd lost a father of mineBut Malcolm X got what was coming

He got what he asked for this time

So love me, love me

Love me, I'm a liberalI go to civil rights rallies

And I put down the old D.A.R.

I love Harry and Sidney and Sammy

I hope every colored boy becomes a starBut don't talk about revolution

That's going a little bit too far

So love me, love me

Love me, I'm a liberalI cheered when Humphrey was chosen

My faith in the system restored

And I'm glad the commies were thrown out

Of the A.F.L. C.I.O. boardI love Puerto Ricans and Negros

As long as they don't move next door

So love me, love me

Love me, I'm a liberalThe people of old Mississippi

Should all hang their heads in shame

I can't understand how their minds work

What's the matter don't they watch Les Crain? But if you ask me to bus my children

I hope the cops take down your name

So love me, love me

Love me, I'm a liberalYes, I read New republic and Nation

I've learned to take every view

You know, I've memorized Lerner and Golden

I feel like I'm almost a JewBut when it comes to times like Korea

There's no one more red, white and blue

So love me, love me

Love me, I'm a liberalI vote for the democratic party

They want the U.N. to be strong

I attend all the Pete Seeger concerts

He sure gets me singing those songsAnd I'll send all the money you ask for
But don't ask me to come on along
So love me, love me
Love me, I'm a liberalSure once I was young and impulsive
I wore every conceivable pin
Even went to the socialist meetings
Learned all the old union hymnsAh, but I've grown older and wiser
And that's why I'm turning you in
So love me, love me
Love me, I'm a liberal

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