

## Uncle John

Hank Williams Jr.

I'd like to tell a story if you folks wouldn't mind  
But this one is true and it really happened in that little home  
town of mine  
There was a kind old colored feller who the folks was always fo  
nd  
I don't even remember what his last name was we always just cal  
led him Uncle John  
Why I remember when I was little I used to go and see him nearl  
y every day  
Just to sit and hear his stories an' while some time away  
Why he was in his height of Glory when there was children aroun  
d his feet  
I've seen him laugh right out loud and say Lord God your childr  
en show is sweet  
I know in his big wide world there must be kind folks by the bu  
shel  
But I just believe that in this one old man Lord put something  
special  
Why I've seen times when folks was sick that the old man would  
walk for miles  
Just to offer his assistance and try to help out a little while  
He was always doin' things like that givin' when he couldn't af  
ford  
Funny thing was though he never did ask for no pay  
Said he was always a workin' for the Lord  
Now Uncle John have the sickness that he didn't know about  
Folks didn't know whether to tell him or just let him live with  
out  
But then one day they decided they oughta let him know  
So they asked Doc boy if he go tell him and he said yeah he'd g  
o  
He found old John sittin' in his homemade rockin' chair  
Thumbin' thru a worn out Bible and readin' little scriptures he  
re and there  
The Doc was scared and he was nervous cause he didn't know quit  
e where to start  
Don't you know his conscience fought him he come to break the o  
ld man's heart  
But he gathered up his courage and he found the words to say  
Uncle John the Lord's comin' and he's gonna take you away  
Why there must've been a choir of angels started singin' in tha  
t old man's ears  
For a great big smile come on him and his eyes broke out in tea  
rs  
And he said why Doctor boy that's the most glorious news I ever  
heard  
I've been livin' almost eighty five years now just to hear them  
blessed words

Now to know that he's finally callin' me to leave this earthly  
sod  
Why Doc I've just been livin' this old life so's I can get to m  
eet my God