

Uncle John

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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