

# Colorblind James Experience

## "Quite A Guy"

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He was born on a freight train  
He was born on a cruise ship  
He was born on an airplane  
He was born in a taxi cab

He was born in a blizzard, far away in a manger  
On the top of a mountain, in the mist of the jungle

He was born in the dessert when the lilacs were  
blooming  
He was born in the ball park, high up in the  
grandstands

He was born on a surfboard  
He was born in a backpack  
He was born in the opera  
He was born on a chain gang

He lived on the east coast  
Grew up on the west coast  
Made his home in the north  
Settled down in the south

Quit school in the third grade with honours from  
Harvard  
Played semi-pro baseball for a team in Havana

He worked in Chicago at the Bake-a-Lite factory  
Dug clams in New Orleans and then in Miami

He worked on a farm, on a ranch in Wyoming  
Shot buffalo for a while until the herds disappeared

He became a teacher and then an inventor  
He invented the clam bake  
He invented the back yard

He invented the porch  
He invented the banjo  
He invented the hammock  
He invented the card game

He invented the night light  
He invented the sick day  
He invented the phonograph with a gasoline engine

He discovered the Mississippi and he gave it a name  
tag  
And he filled it with garbage from the hull of a  
steamboat

He fled from the dustbowl  
He fled from the city  
He fled from his family  
He fled from the farm

He joined the union  
He marched with the Wobblies  
He wore a red bandana and sang union songs

He was sent to the war  
He fought with Mac Arthur  
He marched into Paris  
He liberated Rome

He marched into Washington and Selma, Alabama  
He marched into Hollywood  
He marched into television

He died in a plane crash, in a fight in a barroom  
He died when his car crashed, in a tenement fire

He died saving children  
He died broke and lonely and drunk in a gutter in the  
middle of nowhere

He died of a heat rash  
He died of a bee sting  
He ate poison mushrooms and that did him in

I went to an auction  
Bought a trunk with his diary  
From cover to cover  
He must have been quite a guy

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