

John Mellencamp

"Cuttin' Heads"

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Hey Poppi, yea ho
Hey Poppi, yea ho
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

Lay low proud Poppi
(Come on)
Lay low proud Poppi
Shout it out

He's from the Deep South
(Shout it out)
Pass Christian Mississippi

Where the cane breaks
Are burnin' every night
Lay low proud Poppi
(Shout it out)
Shout it out

Hey o, hey o, o Poppi
Hey o, hey o, hey Poppi
Hey o, hey o
(Alright)
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

Poppi had a wife
And she was black and Poppi was white
(Shout it out)
Everything was rollin' great
(Shout it out)
'Til some man called her race a disgrace, oh no

Hey o, hey o, o Poppi
Hey o, hey o, hey Poppi
Hey o, hey o
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

Hey o, hey o, o Poppi
Hey o, hey o, hey Poppi
Hey o, hey o
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

So Poppi went down to the river, hey
To defend the honor of his wife
(Somebody's killin' somebody)
Gonna drown the man in the water
(No, no, no)
(Shout it out)

And the water was shiny like a new knife
But Poppi stopped at the banks of the Delta
He said this sure ain't worth this man's life

Someday the wind of change
Is gonna blow on through
And put all of these jokers right
C'mon and sing now

Hey o, hey o, o Poppi
Hey o, hey o, o Poppi
Hey o, hey o
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

Hey o, hey o, o Poppi
Hey o, hey o, hey Poppi
Hey o, hey o
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

Papa got a brand new bag dang
Delta blues got 'em dazed and confused
Came a long way crazy, seems the abuse is racism
baby
And it's wild 'cause I connect the word with pain

Now some smile when they scream the name
Funny how the times have changed
And the rhymes have changed
But some cats frame remains the same

Agitating adjective, what gives? Die N word die
But I wanna live knowin' all this
Where the word came from
I must be three times stupid and stuck on dumb

If I use it and confuse it
With a term of love
Now popular culture
Can't stop 'til it gets enough

Underlined in marketing campaigns
I feel undermined
Heard the N word promotes the bottom line
Down by the river there's a great divide, let's ride

Don't call me nigga 'cause you know I don't like it like
that
(That's right)
Don't call me nigga 'cause you know I don't like it like
that
Don't call me nigga 'cause you know I don't like it like
that
(That's right)
Don't call me nigga 'cause you know I don't like it like
that
(No, no, no)

Shout it out
(Shout it out)
Yeah, shout it out
Oh, shout it out
Shout it out
Shout it out
(No, no, no)

Hey o, hey o
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

Hey o, hey o, o Poppi
Hey o, hey o, hey Poppi
Hey o, hey o
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

Hey o, hey o, o Poppi
Hey o, hey o, hey Poppi
Hey o, hey o
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

Hey o, hey o, o Poppi
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Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

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