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"Family History"

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Family history, I don't know too much, family history, I
don't keep in touch

With my mother and father quite like I want to do
There's some family history, I'd rather not go lookin'
through

Family history will repeat, look through your history,
you're sure to meet

Someone a walkin' much the same pathway as you
It's just family history, like it or not you're passin'
through

Family bible, dates and names, faces in pictures look
much the same

Like you're runnin' in circles, until you don't know where
it ends

Can't know where you're goin' until you know just where
you've been

What's with my uncle, I want to know, we never see him
whenever we go

To some family reunion, no one dares to say his name
It's against the rules in our secret family history game
Family history, need to learn, lest old troubles will
return

Come back and haunt you, you'll hear them rattle their
chain

You'd better break it, it might just drag you down again

Family history seems like fate, but you can break it, it's
not too late

To ask a few questions, it's time to face up to your fear
Because it lies there waitin', it's comin' back again next
year

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