

I've Always Paid My Taxes

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I've **always** paid my **taxes**, I **paid** them right on **time**
I **never** even **cheated**, I **coughed** up every **dime**
But **now** I know my **money** goes to **warring** profiteers
While **folks** at **home** are **unemployed**
We **need** that money **here!**

I **used** to think my **money** went for **things** that made us **great**
Like **libraries** and **health** care and the **grand** affairs of **state**
But **now** I know they're **spending** it to **kill** folks I don't **hate**
That **only** leads to **more** war and a **world** that **can't** relate.

Whe-en I pay this year's **taxes**, I'm **gonna** hold some **back**
And **tell** the IRS the truth to **help** explain the **lack**
It **may** not save my **skin** 'cause they're not **known** for cutting **slack**
But I'll feel good because I'm on a **true** and righteous **track**.

If I don't pay my **taxes**, the IRS might **come**
And **take** my house and **car** away, and **homeless** I'd become
I-I **fret** and moan and **lie** awake and **wonder** what to **do**
It **seems** like what we **have** here folks, is **old** Catch 22!

So-o, **if** you've paid your **taxes**, and **paid** them right on **time**
Demand it's spent to **help** folks, and **out** of debt we'll climb
Call your legislators tell them **no** more funds for **war**
We **need** much **wiser** spending
Or **they'll** get our **votes** no more!