

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
For bombs and tanks and missiles and
I WANT MY MONEY BACK!

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
Including our own soldiers who deserve a better fate!

When 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.

But... If I don't pay my taxes, the IRS might come
And take my house and car away, and I'd become a bum
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, if you've paid your taxes, and paid them right on time
You've never even cheated, you coughed up every dime
Just think where all your money goes: right over to Iraq
To kill folks just like you and me
DEMAND YOUR MONEY BACK!

