

## Uncle Alvarez

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There's a portrait of Uncle Alvarez  
Hanging in the hall  
Nobody wants to look at it  
But Uncle Alvarez sees us all

Ho ho ho imaginary accomplishments  
Hey hey hey you visionary guy!  
You might even shake the hands of presidents  
Better send a postcard and keep the family quiet

He's not really part Cherokee Indian  
He didn't fight in the Civil War  
He's just Eugene Isaac Alvarez  
We feel sorry for the wall

And It's a long way down, you're hoping for a heart attack  
Running around, investing in this and that, and your  
Beautiful wife keeps your life on a shelf for you  
Safe in the bedroom where there's no dust or mildew and it's  
Hard to believe you were once a  
Beautiful dancer...

Better just to shake it off  
As you write your resume  
Don't think of Uncle Alvarez  
And the price he had to pay!

You might even shake the hands of presidents

Better send some money to the Alma Matter