

Tim O'Brien, Family History

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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 it 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, and like it or not you're passin' through

Family bible, dates and names, faces in pictures they 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, well no one dares to say his name
It's against the rules in our secret family history game

Tell me your history

Family history, need to learn, lest old troubles will return
Come back and haunt you, you'll hear them rattle their chains
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
'Cause it lies there waitin', it's comin' back again next year

That's right

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True

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