

Those ineligible for induction were  
asked to speed production  
Of the things to help the Army and  
Navy carry on.

I've spent years in my profession and  
I think I'm in possession  
of a skill with which I felt that I  
could surely prove my worth.  
When I asked if they could use me  
they said they must refuse me,  
As an applicant must have authentic  
record of his birth.

I felt no perturbation for I thought  
the situation  
Could be remedied by writing to the  
auditor or clerk

Of my native county yonder far from  
which I chose to wander,  
"Please send a birth certificate that  
I may go to work."

Their reply severely smote me for this  
is what they wrote me,  
"Certificate request received but cannot  
find the dope.

We have delved in archives musty and  
examined records dusty.  
We are sorry but we must return your  
inquiry marked 'No soap'."

"But perhaps we might relent some  
for recently we've sent some  
To applicants who've sent the names  
of elders who were there."

So I sent my sister's statement and hoped  
for an abatement,  
But I got another letter that made me  
tear my hair.

"Your sister's testimony is no better  
than a phoney.

At that age the facts of life we're  
sure she couldn't know,  
But if you'll get out and hustle and  
two truthful people rustle  
That were seventeen and at your birth  
you'll maybe have a show."

Now, that old home plantation's more  
than half across the nation,  
My hair is turning silver gray and I'm  
no longer young.  
I wrote another letter saying, "Couldn't  
you do better?"

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