

# Let Him Dangle

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Bentley said to Craig, "Let him have it Chris"  
They still don't know today just what he meant by this  
Craig fired the pistol, but was too young to swing  
So the police took Bentley and the very next thingLet him dangle  
Let him dangle  
Let him dangle  
Let him dangleBentley had surrendered, he was under arrest  
When he gave Chris Craig that fatal request  
Craig shot Sidney Miles, he took Bentley's word  
The prosecution claimed as they charged them with murderLet him dangle  
Let him dangle  
Let him dangle  
Let him dangleThey say, Derek Bentley was easily led  
Well, what's that to the woman that Sidney Miles wed  
Though guilty was the verdict and Craig had shot him dead  
The gallows were for Bentley and still she never saidLet him dangle  
Let him dangle  
Let him dangle  
Let him dangleWell, it's hard to imagine it's the times you have changed  
When there's a murder in the kitchen that is brutal and strange  
If killing anybody is a terrible crime  
Why does this bloodthirsty chorus come 'round from time to timeLet him dangleNot many people thought that  
Bentley would hang  
But the word never came, the phone never rang  
Outside Wandsworth Prison there was horror and hate  
As the hangman shook Bentley's hand to calculate his weightLet him dangle  
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Let him dangleWell, it's hard to imagine it's the times you have changed  
When there's a murder in the kitchen that is brutal and strange  
If killing anybody is a terrible crime  
Why does this bloodthirsty chorus come 'round from time to timeLet him dangleFrom a welfare state to society  
murder  
Bring "Back the noose" is always heard  
Whenever those swine are under attack  
But it won't make you even  
It won't bring him backLet him dangle  
Let him dangle  
Let him dangle

Let him dangleLet him dangle  
Let him dangle  
Let him dangle  
Let him dangle(String him up)  
(String him up)  
(String him up)

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