Complicated Shadows

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Well, you know your time has come And you're sorry for what you've done

You should've never been playing with a gun

In those complicated shadowsWell, there's a line that you must tow

And it'll soon be time to go

But it's darker than you know

In those complicated shadowsAll you gangsters and rude clowns

Who were shooting up the town

When you should have found

Someone to put the blame on Though the fury's hot and hard

I still see that cold graveyard

There's a solitary stone

That's got your name on You don't have to take it from me

But I know what I speak

You think you're like iron and steel

But iron and steel will bend and break

In those complicated shadowsSometimes justice you will find

Is just dumb not colorblind

And your poor shattered mind

Can't take it all in All those phantoms and those shades

Should jump up on Judgment Day

And say to the Almighty

"I'm still stinking of sin"But the jury was dismissed

Took his neck and they give it a twist

So you see you won't be missed

In those complicated shadows You can say just what you like

In a voice like a John Ford film

Take the law into your hands

You will soon get tired of killing

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