## **Smackwater Jack**

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Now, Smackwater Jack,
He bought a shotgun
'Cause he was in the mood
For a little confrontation
He just a-let it all hang loose;
He didn't think about the noose
He couldn't take no more abuse

So he shot down the congregation You can't talk to a man With a shotgun in his hand Now, Big Jim the chief

Stood for law and order
He called for the guard to come
And surround the border
Now, from his bulldog mouth,
As he led the posse south,
Came the cry, "We got to ride
To clean up the streets

For our wives and our daughters!"You can't talk to a man When he don't wanna understand
No, no, no, no, noThe account of the capture
Wasn't in the papers,

But you know, they hanged ol' Smack right then Instead of later

You know, the people were quite pleased
'Cause the outlaw had been seized
And on the whole, it was a very good year
For the undertakerYou know, you know, you can't talk to a man

With a shotgun in his hand.

A shotgun in his hand Smackwater Jack bought a shotgun

Yeah, Smackwater Jack bought a shotgun

Oh, Smackwater Jack, yeah

Talkin' 'bout Smackwater Jack, yeah

Talkin' 'bout a-Smackwater Jack, oh

Talkin' 'bout Jack and his shotgun talkin' about Smack, talkin' 'bout Jack, Smackwater Jack

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