

# The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance

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When Liberty Valance rode to town  
The women folk would hide, they'd hide  
When Liberty Valance walked around  
The men would step aside

Because the point of a gun  
Was the only law that Liberty understood  
When it came to shooting, straight and fast  
He was mighty good

From out of the east a stranger came  
A law book in his hand, a man  
The kind of a man the West would need  
To tame a troubled land

'Cause the point of a gun  
Was the only law that Liberty understood  
When it came to shooting, straight and fast  
He was mighty good

Many a man would face his gun and many a man would fall  
The man who shot Liberty Valance  
He shot Liberty Valance  
He was the bravest of them all

The love of a girl can make a man  
Stay on when he should go, stay on  
Just trying to build a peaceful life  
Where love is free to grow

But the point of a gun  
Was the only law that Liberty understood  
When the final showdown came to pass  
A law book was no good

Alone and afraid she prayed that he'd  
Return that fateful night, ahh, that night  
When nothing she said could keep  
Her man from going out to fight

From the moment a girl gets to be full grown  
The very first thing she learns  
When two men go out to face each other  
Only one returns

Everyone heard two shots ring out  
The shot made Liberty fall  
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