

# I Shot the Sheriff

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I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy  
I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputyAll around in my home town  
They're trying to track me down  
They say they want to bring me in guilty  
For the killing of a deputy  
For the life of a deputy, but I sayI shot the sheriff, but I swear it was in self-defense  
I shot the sheriff, and they say it is a capital offenseSheriff John Brown always hated me  
For what I don't know  
Every time that I plant a seed  
He said, "Kill it before it grows"  
He said, "Kill it before it grows", I sayI shot the sheriff, but I swear it was in self-defense  
I shot the sheriff, but I swear it was in self-defenseFreedom came my way one day  
And I started out of town  
All of a sudden I see sheriff John Brown  
Aiming to shoot me down  
So I shot, I shot him down, I sayI shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy  
I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputyReflexes got the better of me  
And what is to be must be  
Every day the bucket goes to the well  
But one day the bottom will drop out  
Yes, one day the bottom will drop out, but I sayI shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy, oh no  
I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy, oh no

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