

# Long Black Veil

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Ten years ago, on a cold dark night  
There was someone killed 'neath the town hall light  
There were few at the scene, but they all agreed  
That the slayer who ran looked a lot like me  
The judge said, "Son what is your alibi?  
If you were somewhere else then you won't have to die"  
I spoke not a word though it meant my life  
For I had been in the arms of my best friend's wife  
She walks these hills in a long black veil  
She visits my grave when the night winds wail  
Nobody knows, nobody sees  
Nobody knows but me  
The scaffold is high, and eternity nears  
She stood in the crowd and shed not a tear  
But sometimes at night when the cold wind mourns  
In a long black veil she cries over my bones

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