

# Only A Lad

## Oingo Boingo

Johnny was bad, even as a child everybody could tell  
Everyone said, "If you don't get straight, you'll surely go to hell"  
But Johnny didn't care  
He was an outlaw by the time that he was ten years old  
He didn't wanna do what he was told  
Just a prankster, juvenile gangster His teachers didn't understand  
They kicked him out of school  
At a tender early age  
Just because he didn't want to learn things  
Had other interests  
He liked to burn things The lady down the block  
She had a radio  
That Johnny wanted oh so bad  
So he took it the first chance he had  
Then he shot her in the leg  
And this is what she said "Only a lad"  
You really can't blame him  
"Only a lad"  
Society made him  
"Only a lad"  
He's our responsibility "Only a lad"  
He really couldn't help it  
"Only a lad"  
He didn't want to do it  
"Only a lad"  
He's underprivileged and abused  
Perhaps a little bit confused His parents gave up they couldn't influence his attitude  
Nobody could help the little man had no gratitude  
But when he stole the car  
Nobody dreamed that he would  
Try to take it so far  
He didn't mean to hit the poor man who had to go and die It made the judge cry  
Only a lad  
He really couldn't help it  
Only a lad  
He didn't want to do it  
Only a lad  
He's underprivileged and abused  
Perhaps a little bit confused It's not his fault that he can't behave

Society's made him go astray  
Perhaps if we're nice he'll go away  
Perhaps he'll go away  
He'll go away Only a lad  
You really can't blame him  
Only a lad  
Society made him  
Only a lad  
He's our responsibility Hey there Johnny you really don't fool me  
You get away with murder  
And you think it's funny  
You don't give a damn if we live or if we die  
Hey there Johnny boy  
I hope you fry

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