

# The long black veil

## The Chieftains

Ten years ago on a cold dark night  
Someone was killed 'neath the town hall light  
Just a few at the scene, and they all did agree  
That the man who ran looked a lot like me  
The judge said "Son, what's your alibi?  
If you were somewheres else, then you won't have to die"  
But I spoke not a word, tho' it meant my life  
For I'd been in the arms of my best friend's wife  
Chorus:  
She walks these hills in a long black veil  
Visits my grave when the night winds wail  
Nobody knows, nobody sees  
Nobody knows, but me  
The scaffold is high, eternity near  
She stands in the crowd, she sheds not a tear  
But sometimes at night when the cold winds moan  
In a long black veil, she cries o'er my bones  
Chorus

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