

I Hung My Head

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Early one morning with time to kill
I borrowed Jebbs rifle and sat on the hill
I saw a lone rider crossing the plain
I drew a bead on him to practice my aim
My brothers rifle went off in my hand
A shot rang out across the land
The horse, he kept running, the rider was dead
I hung my head, I hung my head
I set off running to wake from the dream
My brothers rifle went into the sheen
I kept on running into the south lands
Thats where they found me my head in my hands
The Sheriff he asked me why had I run
And then it came to me just what I had done
And all for no reason just one piece of lead
I hung my head, I hung my head
Here in the court house the whole town was there
I see the judge high up in his chair
Explain to the court room what went through your mind
And well ask the jury what verdict they find
I felt the power of death over life
I orphaned his children, I widowed his wife
I begged their forgiveness, I wish I was dead
I hung my head, I hung my head
I hung my head, I hung my head
Early one morning with time to kill
I see the gallows up on a hill
And out in the distance a trick of the brain
I see a lone rider crossing the plain
And hed come to fetch me to see what theyd done
And well ride together to kingdom come
I prayed for Gods mercy for soon I'll be dead
I hung my head, I hung my head
I hung my head, I hung my head

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