The Long Black Veil

Don Williams

Ten years ago on a cold dark night

A man was killed underneath the town hall light

There were few at the scene but they all agreed

That the slayer who ran, looked a lot like meThe judge said, "Son what is your alibi?"

If you were somewhere else then you won't have to die

Well I spoke not a word though it meant my life

For I had been in the arms of my best friends wifeShe walks these hills in a long black veil

She visits my grave when the night winds wail

Nobody knows nobody seems nobody knows but me

The scaffold is high an eternity nears

She stood in the crowd shed not a tearBut sometimes at night when the cold winds moan

She comes to my grave and she cries on my bones

She walks these hills in a long black veil

She visits my grave when the night winds wail

Nobody knows nobody seems nobody knows but me

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