

# Long Arm Of The Law

## Kenny Rogers

In Cumberland Kentucky  
On a cool autumn evening  
Billy lay in love with Marianne  
She was a rich judge's daughter  
He was the son of a miner  
But that night their love was more than they could stand  
The judge said to his daughter  
"That son of that coal miner  
Is someone you'd do well to leave alone"  
She knew her dad so well  
She knew she couldn't tell  
But the truth was bound to show before too long  
Their love had started growing on its own  
You can't outrun the long arm of the law  
No, you can't outrun the long arm of the law  
Billy placed his hand on Mary  
And he felt the baby moving  
Kissed her, and said "I'll see you when I can"  
The judge had made a promise  
When he caught up with Billy  
He'd send him far away from Marianne  
The whole town knew he'd do it  
Too many times he'd proved it  
To at least a hundred men behind the wall  
He'd smile behind that frown  
And when he brought that gavel down  
He called himself the long arm of the law  
And he'd set his mind on seeing Billy fall  
In a hot and humid mine shack  
The midwife pulled the sheet back  
And placed a cool, damp towel on Marianne  
Billy's eyes were wide with wonder  
From the spell he was under  
When she placed the newborn baby in his hands  
He didn't hear the siren  
Just the baby crying  
That miracle of love was all he saw  
When the door came crashing down  
And Billy turned around  
He felt the heart and soul inside him fall  
He stood face-to-face with the long arm of the law  
You can't outrun the long arm of the law  
No, you can't outrun the long arm of the law

You can hide out for a while

He says with a smile

But you can't outrun the long arm of the law Seemed like everybody down in Cumberland, Kentucky

Came out that day to see poor Billy's trial

The court was called to order

There sat the judge's daughter

She looked so proud, holding Billy's child

When they brought Billy to him

The judge just looked right through him

As he held that Holy Bible in his hand

Then he smiled at his grandson

And his eyes cut back to Billy

He said "I think this time the law will understand

Son, I sentence you to life with Marianne" You can't outrun the long arm of the law

No, you can't outrun the long arm of the law

He said to Billy with a smile

I know you hid out for a while

But you can't outrun the long arm of the law

No, you can't outrun the long arm of the law

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