

# Johnny Porter

Ry Cooder

Well Johnny Porter was the oldest in his family  
And I remember he was almost twenty one  
You know I can't quite explain the situation  
But he broke into his father's truck and stole a gun  
Mother running down the highway screaming  
Johnny it's too bad, no it's too, bad and it's too bad  
Well his father wonders where he got the money  
And he wonders if he got it right or wrong  
Then Johnny killed a man in Pensacola, Florida  
And he caught a freight train and and took off on the run  
Well run Johnny run they're rolling right behind you  
Run Johnny run you know they're gonna find you  
You come out late at night 'cause you're running for your life  
Mm, Johnny Porter, Johnny Porter, yeah, yeah  
Well it's a shame the way you make your mother worry  
And it hurts inside to sit and watch her cry  
And it will be a long time before she knows the answer  
But it won't be long before she will see ya die  
Well I was standing in my front door early this morning  
So sad when I heard my neighbor said  
That Johnny Porter was a no good than anybody  
But I hate to see him throw his life away  
Now run Johnny run they're rolling right behind you  
And run Johnny run you know they're gonna find you  
You come out late at night 'cause you're running for your life  
Oh well, Johnny Porter, Johnny Porter  
Found him holed up in some dark and dirty building  
Had his mother begging, please let Johnny go  
That's when John fired his pistol as a warning  
And he said, I was born to die by the gun  
And I was born to die by the gun  
Said mama, I was born to die by the gun  
I was born to die by the gun  
Said run Johnny run they're rolling right behind you  
And run Johnny run you know they're gonna find you  
You come out late at night 'cause you're running for your life  
Johnny Porter, yeah it was Johnny Porter  
Yeah Johnny Porter, Johnny Porter  
Porter  
Porter

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