

Only a Lad

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Johnny was bad, even as a child everybody could tell
Everyone said, "If you don't get straight, you'll surely go to hell"
But Johnny didn't care
He was an outlaw by the time that he was ten years old
He didn't wanna do what he was told
Just a prankster, juvenile gangster His teachers didn't understand
They kicked him out of school
At a tender early age
Just because he didn't want to learn things
Had other interests
He liked to burn things The lady down the block
She had a radio
That Johnny wanted oh so bad
So he took it the first chance he had
Then he shot her in the leg
And this is what she said "Only a lad"
You really can't blame him
"Only a lad"
Society made him
"Only a lad"
He's our responsibility "Only a lad"
He really couldn't help it
"Only a lad"
He didn't want to do it
"Only a lad"
He's underprivileged and abused
Perhaps a little bit confused His parents gave up they couldn't influence his attitude
Nobody could help the little man had no gratitude
But when he stole the car
Nobody dreamed that he would
Try to take it so far
He didn't mean to hit the poor man who had to go and die It made the judge cry

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Only a lad
He didn't want to do it
Only a lad
He's underprivileged and abused
Perhaps a little bit confused
It's not his fault that he can't behave
Society's made him go astray
Perhaps if we're nice he'll go away
Perhaps he'll go away
He'll go away
Only a lad
You really can't blame him
Only a lad
Society made him
Only a lad
He's our responsibility
Hey there Johnny you really don't fool me
You get away with murder
And you think it's funny
You don't give a damn if we live or if we die
Hey there Johnny boy
I hope you fry

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