Bobby Bare, Long Black Veil

Ten years ago on a cold dark night Someone was killed neath the town hall light There were few at the scene but they all agreed That the slayer who ran looked a lot like me The judge he said son what is your alibi If you were somewhere else then you won't have to die I spoke not a word although it meant my life For I had been in the arms of my best friend's wife

She walks these hills in a long black veil She visits my grave when the night winds wail Nobody knows nobody sees nobody knows but me [harmonica]

The scaffold was high and eternity was near She stood in the crowd and shed not a tear But sometimes at night when the cold wind moans In the long black veil she cries o'er my bones Yes she walks these hills in a long black veil...