

# Bob Marley, I Shot The Sheriff

(I shot the sheriff  
But I didn't shoot no deputy, oh no! Oh!  
I shot the sheriff  
But I didn't shoot no deputy, ooh, ooh, oo-oo.)  
Yeah! All around in my home town,  
They're tryin' to track me down;  
They say they want to bring me in guilty  
For the killing of a deputy,  
For the life of a deputy.  
But I say:

Oh, now, now. Oh!  
(I shot the sheriff.) - the sheriff.  
(But I swear it was in selfdefence.)  
Oh, no! (Ooh, ooh, oo-oh) Yeah!  
I say: I shot the sheriff - Oh, Lord! -  
(And they say it is a capital offence.)  
Yeah! (Ooh, ooh, oo-oh) Yeah!

Sheriff John Brown always hated me,  
For what, I don't know:  
Every time I plant a seed,  
He said kill it before it grow -  
He said kill them before they grow.  
And so:

Read it in the news:  
(I shot the sheriff.) Oh, Lord!  
(But I swear it was in self-defence.)  
Where was the deputy? (Oo-oo-oh)  
I say: I shot the sheriff,  
But I swear it was in selfdefence. (Oo-oh) Yeah!

Freedom came my way one day  
And I started out of town, yeah!  
All of a sudden I saw sheriff John Brown  
Aiming to shoot me down,  
So I shot - I shot - I shot him down and I say:  
If I am guilty I will pay.

(I shot the sheriff,)  
But I say (But I didn't shoot no deputy),  
I didn't shoot no deputy (oh, no-oh), oh no!  
(I shot the sheriff.) I did!  
But I didn't shoot no deputy. Oh! (Oo-oo-oo)

Reflexes had got the better of me  
And what is to be must be:  
Every day the bucket a-go a well,  
One day the bottom a-go drop out,  
One day the bottom a-go drop out.  
I say:

I - I - I - I shot the sheriff.  
Lord, I didn't shot the deputy. Yeah!  
I - I (shot the sheriff) -  
But I didn't shoot no deputy, yeah! No, yeah!