

# Bob Marley & The Wailers, 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, ooh Yeah

All around in my hometown  
They're tryin' to track me down, yeah  
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, but I swear it was in self defense  
Ooh, ooh, ooh  
I said, I shot the sheriff, Oh Lord  
And they say it is a capital offense  
Ooh, ooh, ooh  
Hear this

Sheriff John Brown always hated me  
For what I don't know  
Ev'ry time I plant a seed  
He said, &quot;Kill it before it grows.&quot;  
He said, &quot;Kill them before they grow.&quot;

And so, oh, now, now,  
Read it in the news

I shot the sheriff, but I swear it was in self defense  
Ooh, ooh, ooh  
Where was the deputy?  
I said I shot the sheriff but I swear it was in self defense

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  
Ooh, no, oh  
I shot the sheriff, but I didn't shoot no deputy  
Ooo, ooo, ooh

Reflexes had the better of me  
And what is to be must be  
Ev'ry 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, but I didn't shoot the deputy, no  
(Repeat)