

I Shot the Sheriff

The Wailers

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 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, yeah
I said, I shot the sheriff, oh Lord
And they say it is a capital offense
Ooh, ooh, ooh, yeah
Hear this
Sheriff John Brown always hated me
For what I don't know
Ev'ry time I plant a seed
He said, "Kill it before it grows"
He said, "Kill them before they grow"
And so, and so
Read it in the news I shot the sheriff, but I swear it was in self defense
Where was the deputy? (Ooh, ooh, ooh)
I said I shot the sheriff but I swear it was in self defense
Yeah (Ooh) 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, no (Ooh, no, oh)
I shot the sheriff, but I didn't shoot no deputy
Ooh, ooh, ooh, yeah 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 shot the sheriff, Lord I didn't shoot the deputy, no
Yah, I, I, shot the sheriff, but I didn't shoot the deputy, yeah
So yeah

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