

# ***I Shot the Sheriff***

**I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy.  
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All around in my home town  
They trying to track me down.  
They say they want to bring I in guilty  
For the life of a deputy,  
For the life of a deputy, now.  
But I say:

**I shot the sheriff, but I swear it was in self-defense.  
I shot the sheriff, and they say it is a capital offense.**

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

**E-bi E-bi E-bi I shot the sheriff; Lord, I didn't shoot no deputy.  
I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot no deputy.**

Freedom came my way one day  
And I started out of town.  
All of a sudden, I saw sheriff john brown  
He was aiming to shoot I down.  
So I shot, oh yes I shot, I shot him down.  
And I say:

**Ooh, I shot the sheriff, but I didn't shoot no deputy.  
It was, I shot the sheriff, but I didn't shoot no deputy  
I tell you the truth babe... tell you the truth babe.**

Reflexes got the better of I,  
what is to be, must be, ya.  
Every day, the bucket goes to the well, guess what  
But one day the bottom will drop out,  
One day the bottom will drop out.  
And so, and soooooo:

**(Interlude)**

But I say,  
If I am guilty I will paaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaay