

## I SHOT THE SHERIFF

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I shot the sheriff,  
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but I did not shoot the deputy.  
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All a round in my home town  
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they're trying to track me down.  
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They say they want to bring me in guilty  
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for the killing of a deputy,  
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for the killing of a deputy.  
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But I say:

I shot the sheriff,  
but I swear it was in self defence.  
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Sheriff John Brown always hated me  
for what I don't know.  
Ev'ry time that I plant a seed  
he said "Kill it before it grow,"  
he said "Kill it before it grow."  
But I say:

I shot the sheriff,  
but I swear it was in self defence.  
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but I swear it was in self defence.  
Freedom came my way one day  
and I started out of town.  
All of a sudden I see sheriff John Brown,  
aiming to shoot me down.  
So I shot, I shot him down.  
But I say:

I shot the sheriff,  
but I did not shoot the deputy.  
I shot the sheriff,  
but I did not shoot the deputy.

Reflexes got the better of me  
and what is to be must be.  
Ev'ry day the bucket goes to the well,  
but one day the bottom will drop out,  
yes one day the bottom will drop out.  
But I say: