

I Shot the Sheriff

Bob Marley (1973)

Am Dm Am
I shot the sheriff, ... but I didn't shoot no deputy, oh, no, oh!
Dm Am
I shot the sheriff, ... but I didn't shoot no deputy, ooh, ooh, ooh!

F Em7 Am F Em7 Am
All around in my hometown, they're tryin' to track me down.
F Em7 Am F Em7 Am
They say they want to bring me in guilty, for the killing of a deputy,
F Em7 Am
For the life of a deputy, but I say, ...

Am Dm Am
I shot the sheriff, ... but I swear it was in self-defense. (Oh, no! Yeah!)
Dm Am
I say, I shot the sheriff, oh Lord! And they say it is a capital offense. Yeah!

F Em7 Am F Em7 Am
Sheriff John Brown always hated me, for what, ... I don't know.
F Em7 Am F Em7 Am
Every time I plant a seed, he said kill it, before it grow.
F Em7 Am
He said kill them before they grow. And so, and so ...

Am Dm Am
I shot the sheriff, ... but I swear it was in self-defense. Yeah,
Dm Am
I say, I shot the sheriff, oh Lord! And they say it is a capital offense. Yeah!

F Em7 Am F Em7 Am
Freedom came my way one day, and I started, out of town, yeah!
F Em7 Am F Em7 Am
All of a sudden I saw Sheriff John Brown, aiming to shoot me down,
F Em7 Am
So I shot, I shot, I shot him down. And I say, ... if I'm guilty I will pay ...

(Repeat first chorus)

F Em7 Am F Em7 Am
Reflexes had the better of me, and what is to be must be,
F Em7 Am F Em7 Am
Every day, the bucket a-go a-well, one day the bottom a-go drop out,
F Em7 Am
One day the bottom a-go drop out. I say, ...

(Repeat first chorus)