

## **Bob Marley**

# **"Johnny Was"**

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(Wo-o-o-o! Wo-o-o-o! Wooo!)  
Woman hold her head and cry,  
'Cause her son had been shot down in the street and  
died  
From a stray bullet.

Woman hold her head and cry;  
Explaining to her was a passerby  
Who saw the woman cry (cry)  
Wondering how can she work it out,  
Now she knows that the wages of sin is death, yeah!  
Gift of Jah is life. (life)  
She cried: Ah-um, I - I know!  
"Johnny was a good man," I - I know! (never did a thing  
wrong)  
"Johnny was a good, good, good, good, good, good,  
good, good,  
good, good, good man", (Johnny was good man)  
she cried - she crie-ie-ie-ie-ie-ie-ie-ied!

Wo-ooh! Woman hold her head and cry,  
As her son had been shot down in the street and died

Just because of the system. (system)

Woman hold her head and cry;  
Comforting her I was passing by.  
She complained, then she cry:  
Oh-ooh-wo-ah, cry (ah-ah), yeah, I know now (ah-ah),  
no I know, I know now: (Johnny was a good man)  
Said I know, mm-mm-mm-mm-mm. (Never did a thing  
wrong)  
Ah! Ah! (Johnny was a good man)  
Can a woman tender care, she cried, (Never did a thing  
wrong)  
Cease towards the child she bear? (Johnny was a good  
man)  
Wo-ho-ho-ooh! Woman cry, woman - (Never did a thing  
wrong)  
She cried, wo-oh! She cried, yeah! (Johnny was a good  
man)  
Can a woman tender care

Cease towards the child she bear? (Never did a thing  
wrong)  
Wo-now, cry! (Johnny was a good man)

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