

## **Bruce Springsteen**

# **"If I Was The Priest"**

Visit "[If I Was The Priest](#)" on [MotoLyrics.com](#)

Part of the hammond demos.  
(recorded by allan clarke on solo album in 1975)  
written by bruce

Well there's a light on yonder mountain  
And it's calling me to shine  
There's a girl over by the water fountain  
And she's asking to be mine  
And ain't that jesus, he's standing in the doorway  
With a buckskin jacket, boots and spurs, so really fine  
He says "we need you up in dodge city, son  
'cause there's oh so many bad boys (just too many  
outlaw)  
Tryin' to work the same line"

Well now if jesus was the sheriff and I were the priest  
If my lady was an heiress and my mama was a thief  
Oh and papa rode shotgun for the fargo line  
There's still too many outlaws  
Tryin' to work the same line

Now old sweet virgin mary  
She runs the holy grail saloon  
Where for a nickel they'll give you whisky  
And the personally blessed balloon  
And the holy ghost, he's the host with the most  
He runs the burlesque show  
Where they let you in for free  
But oh hit you for your soul when you go  
And mary serves mass on sunday  
And then she sells her body on monday  
To the bootlegger who will pay the highest price  
But he don't know he got stuck with a loser  
Mary's a stone junkie, what's more she's a boozer

And she's only been made once or twice  
By some kind of magic

Well things ain't been the same in heaven  
Ever since big bad bobby came to town  
He's been known to down eleven  
And then ask for another round

And me I got scabs on my knees  
From kneeling way too long  
I gotta take a stand, be the man, up where you belong  
And forget about the old friends and the old times  
Because there's just too many new boys  
Tryin' to work the same line

Well now if jesus was the sheriff and I were the priest  
If my lady was an heiress and my mama was a thief  
Oh and papa rode shotgun for the fargo line  
There's still too many bad boys  
Tryin' to work the same line

Now there's a light on yonder mountain  
And it's calling me to shine  
There's a girl by the water fountain  
And she's asking to be mine  
And jesus, he's standing in the doorway  
With his six-guns drawn, and ready to fan  
He says "we need you son, up in dodge city"  
But I'm already overdue in cheyenne

Visit [Bruce Springsteen](#) page on MotoLyrics.com, to get more lyrics and videos.

---

[MotoLyrics.com](#) | Lyrics, music videos, artist biographies, releases and more.