

## **Bob Marley & The Wailers**

### **"I Shot The Sheriff"**

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Bob Marley  
Burnin'  
I Shot The Sheriff  
(i shot the sheriff  
But i didn't shoot no deputy, oh no! oh!  
I shot the sheriff  
But i didn't shoot no deputy, ooh, ooh, oo-ooh.)  
Yeah! all around in my home town,  
They're tryin' to track me down;  
They say they want to bring me in guilty  
For the killing of a deputy,  
For the life of a deputy.  
But i say:

Oh, now, now. oh!  
(i shot the sheriff.) - the sheriff.  
(but i swear it was in selfdefence.)  
Oh, no! (ooh, ooh, oo-oh) yeah!  
I say: i shot the sheriff - oh, lord! -  
(and they say it is a capital offence.)  
Yeah! (ooh, ooh, oo-oh) yeah!

Sheriff john brown always hated me,  
For what, i don't know:  
Every time i plant a seed,  
He said kill it before it grow -  
He said kill them before they grow.  
And so:

Read it in the news:  
(i shot the sheriff.) oh, lord!  
(but i swear it was in self-defence.)  
Where was the deputy? (oo-oo-oh)  
I say: i shot the sheriff,  
But i swear it was in selfdefence. (oo-oh) yeah!

Freedom came my way one day  
And i started out of town, yeah!  
All of a sudden i saw sheriff john brown  
Aiming to shoot me down,  
So i shot - i shot - i shot him down and i say:  
If i am guilty i will pay.

(i shot the sheriff,)  
But i say (but i didn't shoot no deputy),  
I didn't shoot no deputy (oh, no-oh), oh no!  
(i shot the sheriff.) i did!  
But i didn't shoot no deputy. oh! (oo-oo-oo)

Reflexes had got the better of me  
And what is to be must be:  
Every day the bucket a-go a well,  
One day the bottom a-go drop out,  
One day the bottom a-go drop out.  
I say:

I - i - i - i shot the sheriff.  
Lord, i didn't shot the deputy. yeah!  
I - i (shot the sheriff) -  
But i didn't shoot no deputy, yeah! no, yeah!

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