

Buffy Sainte-Marie

"Smackwater Jack"

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Smackwater Jack, he bought a shotgun
'Cause he was in the mood for a little confrontation
He didn't think about the noose
He just let it all hang loose
He couldn't take no more abuse so he shot down the
congregation
You can't talk to a man with a shotgun in his hand
With a shotgun in his hand

Now Big Jim the chief stood for law and order
He called for the men to surround the border
And from his bulldog mouth
As the posse headed south
Came a cry, "we got the right to clean up the streets for
our wives and our daughters"
You can't talk to a man when he don't wanna
understand
And he don't wanna understand

The account of the capture wasn't in the papers
But you know they hung old Smack right then and there
instead of later
And the people were quite pleased
That the outlaw had been seized
And on the whole it was a very good year for the
undertaker
You can't talk to a man when he don't wanna
understand
When he don't wanna understand

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