

# Johnny Cash

## "Devil's Right Hand"

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Well, about the time my daddy left to fight the big war  
I saw my first pistol in the general store  
In the general store, when I was thirteen  
Thought it was the finest thing I ever had seen

I asked, if I could have one when I grew up  
Mama dropped a dozen eggs and she really blew up  
She really blew up and I didn't understand  
Mama said, the pistol is the devil's right hand

She really blew up and I didn't understand  
Mama said the pistol is the devil's right hand  
The Devil's right hand, the devil's right hand  
Mama said, the pistol is the devil's right hand

My very first pistol was a cap and ball Colt  
Shoot as fast as lightnin' but it loads a might slow  
It loads a mite slow and I soon found out  
It can get you into trouble but it can't get you out

Then I went and bought myself a Colt 45  
Called a peacemaker but I didn't know why  
I never knew why and I didn't understand  
'Cause Mama said, the pistol is the devil's right hand

I never knew why, I didn't understand  
Mama said, the pistol is the devil's right hand  
The devil's right hand, the devil's right hand  
Mama said, the pistol is the devil's right hand

I got into a card game in a company town  
Caught a miner cheating and I shot the dog down  
Shot the dog down, watched the dog fall  
Never touched his holster, never had a chance to draw

The trial was in the mornin' and they drug me out of  
bed  
Asked me how I pleaded, not guilty I said  
Not guilty I said, you've got the wrong man  
Nothing touched the trigger but the devil's right hand

Not guilty I said, you've got the wrong man

Nothing touched the trigger but the devil's right hand  
The devil's right hand, the devil's right hand  
Nothing touched the trigger but the devil's right hand

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