

# Johnny Cash

## "I Hung My Head"

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Early one morning  
With time to kill  
I borrowed Jebb's rifle  
And sat on a hill  
I saw a lone rider  
Crossing the plain  
I drew a bead on him  
To practice my aim

My brother's rifle  
Went of in my hand  
A shot rang out  
Across the land  
The horse, he kept running  
The rider was dead  
I hung my head  
I hung my head

I set off running  
To wake from the dream  
My brother's rifle  
Went into the sheen  
I kept on running  
Into the south lands  
That's where they found me  
My head in my hands

The sheriff he asked me  
Why had I run  
And then it came to me  
Just what I had done  
And all for no reason  
Just one peace of lead  
I hung my head  
I hung my head

Here in the court house  
The whole town was there  
I see the judge

High up in the chair  
Explain to the court room

What went through you mind  
And we'll ask the jury  
What verdict they find

I felt the power  
Of death over life  
I orphaned his children  
I widowed his wife  
I begged their forgiveness  
I wish I was dead  
I hung my head  
I hung my head

I hung my head  
I hung my head

Early one morning  
With time to kill  
I see the gallows  
Up on a hill  
And out in the distance  
A trick of the brain  
I see a lone rider  
Crossing the plain

And he'd come to fetch me  
To see what they'd done  
And we'd ride together  
To kingdom come  
I prayed for god's mercy  
For soon I'd be dead  
I hung my head  
I hung my head

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