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"The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance"

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When Liberty Valance rode to town the womenfolk
would hide.
They'd hide.
When Liberty Valance walked around, the men would
step aside.
For the point of a gun was the only law that Liberty
understood.
When it came to shootin' straight and fast,
he was mighty good.

From out of the east, a stranger came, a law book in his
hand.
A man.
The kind of a man the West would need to tame a
troubled land.
But the point of a gun was the only law that Liberty
understood.
When it came to shootin' straight and fast,
he was mighty good.

Many a man would face his gun,
and many a man would fall.
The man who shot Liberty Valance,
he shot Liberty Valance,
he was the bravest of them all.

The love of a girl can make a man stay on when he
should go.
Stay on.
Just trying to build a peaceful life where love is free to
grow.
But the point of a gun was the only law that Liberty
understood.
When the final showdown came at last,
a law book was no good.

Alone and afraid, she prayed that he'd return that
fateful night.
Ah, that night,
when nothing she said could keep her man from going
out to fight.
From the moment a girl gets to be full-grown,

the very first thing she learns,
when two men go out to face each other,
only one returns.

Everyone heard two shots ring out.
A shot made Liberty fall!
The man who shot Liberty Valance,
he shot Liberty Valance,
he was the bravest of them all.

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