

Mason Jennings

"Two Hangmen"

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As I rode into Tombstone on my horse, his name was
Mack
I saw what I'll relate to you, going on behind my back
It seems the folks were up-in-arms, a man now had to
die
For believing things that didn't fit, the laws they'd set
aside
The mans name was "I'm a Freak". the best that could
see
He was the executioner, a hangman just like me
I geuss he'd seen loopholes from working with his rope
He'd hung the wrong man many times, so now he
turned to hope
He talked to all the people from his scaffold in the
square
He told them of the things he found, but they didn't
seem to care
He said the laws were obsolete, a change they should
demand
But the people only walked away, he couldn't
understand
The marshals name was "Uncle Sam", he said he'd
right this wrong
He'd make the hangman shut his mouth, if it took him
all day long
He finally arrested Freak, and then he sent for me
To hang a fellow hangman, from a fellow hangmans
tree
It didn't take them long to try him in their court of law
He was guilty then of "Thinking", a crime much worse
than all
They sentenced him to die, so his seed of thought can't
spread
And infect the little children, that's what the law had
said
So the hangin' day came 'round, and he walked up to
the noose
I pulled the lever, but before he fell I cut him lose
They called it a conspiracy, and that I had to die
So to close our mouths and kill our minds, they hung us
side-by-side

And now we're two hangmen, hangin' from a tree
That don't bother me, at all
Two hangmen, hangin' from a tree
That don't bother me, at all
(Same all the way to the end)

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