

Rosanne Cash

"Long Black Veil"

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Ten years ago on a cold dark night,
Someone was killed 'neath the town hall lights.
There were few at the scene, but they all agreed,
That the slayer who ran looked a lot like me.

Chorus

She walks these hills, in a long black veil.
She visits my grave, when the night winds wail.
Nobody knows, nobody sees, nobody knows, but me

The Judge said son, what is your alibi,
If you were somewhere else, then you won't have to
die.

I spoke not a word, though it meant my life,
For I'd been in the arms of my best friends wife.

Chorus

Now the scaffold is high, and eternity's near.
She stood in the crowd, and she'd not a tear.
But some times at night, when the cold wind moans
In a long black veil, she cries over my bones

Chorus

She walks these hills, in a long black veil.
When the cold winds blow, and the night winds wail.
No body knows, no body sees.
No body knows, but me.

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