

The Lovecrave

"Johnny 99"

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Well they closed down the auto plant in mahwah late
That month
Ralph went out looking for a job but he couldn't find
None
He came home too drunk from mixing tanqueray and
wine
He got a gun shot a night clerk now they callm johnny
99

Down in the part of town where when you hit a red light
You don't stop
Johnny's waving his gun around and threatening to
blow
His top
When an off-duty cop snuck up on him from behind
Out in front of the club tip top they slapped the cuffs
On johnny 99

Well the city supplied a public defender but the judge
Was mean john brown
He came into the courtroom and stared young johnny
down
Well the evidence is clear gonna let the sentence son
Fit the crime
Prison for 98 and a year and well call it even johnny
99
A fist fight broke out in the courtroom they had to
Drag johnny's girl away
His mama stood up and shouted judge don't take my
boy
This way
Well son you got a statement you'd like to make
Before the bailiff comes to forever take you away

Now judge I had debts no honest man could pay
The bank was holding my mortgage and they were
gonna
Take my house away
Now I ain't saying that makes me an innocent man
But it was more 'n all this that put that gun in my
Hand

Well your honor I do believe I'd be better off dead
So if you can take a mans life for the thoughts that's
In his head
Then sit back in that chair and think it over judge one
More time
And let 'em shave off my hair and put me on that
Killing line

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