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Ry Cooder "JOHNNY PORTER"

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Well Johnny Porter was the oldest in his family And I remember he was almost twenty one You know I can't quite explain the situation But he broke into his father's truck and stole a gun

Mother running down the highway screaming Johnny it's too bad, no it's too, bad and it's too bad

Well his father wonders where he got the money And he wonders if he got it right or wrong Then Johnny killed a man in Pensacola, Florida And he caught a freight train and and took off on the run

Well run Johnny run they're rolling right behind you Run Johnny run you know they're gonna find you You come out late at night 'cause you're running for your life

Mm, Johnny Porter, Johnny Porter, yeah, yeah

Well it's a shame the way you make your mother worry And it hurts inside to sit and watch her cry And it will be a long time before she knows the answer But it won't be long before she will see ya die

Well I was standing in my front door early this morning So sad when I heard my neighbor said That Johnny Porter was a no good than anybody But I hate to see him throw his life away

Now run Johnny run they're rolling right behind you And run Johnny run you know they're gonna find you You come out late at night 'cause you're running for your life

Oh well, Johnny Porter, Johnny Porter

Found him holed up in some dark and dirty building Had his mother begging, please let Johnny go That's when John fired his pistol as a warning And he said, I was born to die by the gun

And I was born to die by the gun

Said mama, I was born to die by the gun I was born to die by the gun

Said run Johnny run they're rolling right behind you And run Johnny run you know they're gonna find you You come out late at night 'cause you're running for your life Johnny Porter, yeah it was Johnny Porter Yeah Johnny Porter, Johnny Porter

Porter Porter Porter ...

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