

I SHOT THE SHERIFF

Intro Riff = Em D Bm - Am G Em - drum break

I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy *Em Am Em*
I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy *Em Am Em*

1 - All around in my home town *Cj7 Bm Em*
They're trying to track me down *Cj7 Bm Em*
They say they want to bring me in guilty *Cj7 Bm Em*
For the killing of a deputy *Cj7 Bm Em*
For the life of a deputy - But I say: *Cj7 Bm Em - riff*

I shot the sheriff, but I swear it was in self-defense *Em Am Em*
I shot the sheriff, and they say it is a capital offense *Em Am Em*

2 Sheriff John Brown always hated me *Cj7 Bm Em*
For what I don't know
Every time that I plant a seed - He said, "Kill it before it grows"
He said, "Kill it before it grows" - I say: *- riff*

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SOLO ON VERSE > - riff repeat CHORUS

3 Freedom came my way one day - And I started out of town *Cj7 Bm Em*
All of a sudden I see sheriff John Brown - Aiming to shoot me down
So I shot, I shot him down - I say: *- riff*
I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy
I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy

4 Reflexes got the better of me - And what is to be must be *Cj7 Bm Em*
Every day the bucket goes to the well
But one day the bottom will drop out
Yes, one day the bottom will drop out - But I say: *- riff > end*