**I Shot the Sheriff**

[Gm]I shot the sh[Gm]eriff,

[Cm]but I [Cm]did not shoot the [Gm]deputy. [Gm]===[Gm]===[Gm]

{eoc}

[Eb]All a[Dm]round in my [Gm]home town [Gm]

they're [Eb]trying to [Dm]track me [Gm]down. [Gm]

They [Eb]say they want to [Dm]bring me in [Gm]guilty [Gm]

for the [Eb]killing of a [Dm]deputy,[Gm]===[Gm]

for the [Eb]killing of a [Dm7]deputy,[Gm]===[Gm]

But I say: [Gm]===[Gm]===[Gm]===[Gm]

{c: refrain2}(deux fois)

{soc}

I shot the sheriff,

but I swear it was in selfdefence.

{eoc}

Sheriff John Brown always hated me

for what I don't know.

Ev'ry time that I plant a seed

he said "Kill it before it grow," (deux fois)

But I say:

{c: (refrain2)}

Freedom came my way one day

and I started out of town.

All of a sudden I see sheriff John Brown,

aiming to shoot me down.

So I shot, I shot him down.

But I say:

{c: (refrain1)}

Reflexes got the better of me

and what is to be must be.

Ev'ry 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: