

I SHOT THE SHERIFF E

Intro Riff = Em D Bm - Am G Em

INTRO = don't go to Cj7

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

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

2 Sheriff John Brown always hated me - 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:

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GUITAR INSTRUMENTAL ON VERSE & CHORUS

3 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 - I say:

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
 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:

I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy, oh no
I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy, oh no
Outro = chords of verse + Riff