

I Hung My Head

Johnny Cash

C

1. Early one morning

F

With time to kill

Am

I borrowed Jebb's rifle

F

And sat on a hill

I saw a lone rider

Crossing the plain

I drew a bead on him

To practice my aim

Dm

R1: My brother's rifle

G

Went off in my hand

A shot rang out

C

Across the land

F

The horse, he kept running

Am

The rider was dead

C

I hung my head

F

I hung my head

2. I set off running

To wake from the dream

My brother's rifle

Went into the sheen

I kept on running

Into the south lands

That's where they found me

My head in my hands

R2: The sheriff he asked me

Why had I run

And then it come to me

Just what I had done

And all for no reason

Just one piece of lead

I hung my head

I hung my head

3. Here in the court house

The whole town was there

I see the judge

High up in the chair

Explain to the court room

What went on in your mind

And we'll ask the jury

What verdict they find

R3: I felt the power
Of death and life
I orphaned his children
I widowed his wife
I begged their forgiveness
I wish I was dead
I hung my head
I hung my head

I hung my head
I hung my head

4. Early one morning
With time to kill
I see the gallows
Up on a hill

And out in the distance
A trick of the brain
I see a lone rider
Crossing the plain

R4: And he'd come to fetch me
To see what they'd done
And we'd ride together
To kingdom come
I prayed for god's mercy

F

For soon I'd be dead
I hung my head
I hung my head

I hung my head
I hung my head