So I found her there
Beneath that willow tree, said
"Oh, my darling
Won't you come with me?" She said
"Oh, Charlie Boy, that just wouldn't do
I'm marrying another man
There's nothing you can do"

Said; "What if I took a knife
And I put it in his chest?
Then would you believe me, darling
That I love you best?"
They said; "Oh, Charlie Boy
That just wouldn't do
If you put a knife in his chest
Well I'll be after you"

Said; "Well, what if I took your hand
And I lead you across the sea?
Then would forget 'bout him?
Would you marry me?" She said
"Oh, Charlie Boy, that just wouldn't do
If we crossed the ocean blue, you'd shame my family"

So I see her standing up there
In a white-laced dress
And the priest cry's out
"Does anyone protest?" They said
"Oh, Charlie Boy, sit back in your pew
She's marrying another man
There's nothing you can do"

The hangman'll have you soon"

And I guess I couldn't take it, and I just saw red
And I pulled my pistol off my hip, and I shot him in the head
And they said
"Oh, Charlie Boy, what the hell'd you do?
You killed him on his wedding night

So I'm rotting here, in this city cell
'Bout tomorrow morning, I'll be resting in hell, they said
"Oh, Charlie Boy, look how far you fell
She never really loved you, now she never will"