

# John Hardy

**Bobby Bare**

John Hardy here was a desperate little man  
Carried two guns every day  
He shot a man on the West Virginia line  
And I've seen John Hardy getting away oh boy  
I've seen John Hardy getting away

And John Hardy went to the Keystone bridge  
He thought that he was free  
Upstepped the deputy and he caught him by the arm

He said: John Hardy come and go with me oh boy  
John Hardy come and go with me  
John Hardy come and go with me oh boy  
John Hardy come and go with me

John Hardy had a mother and a dad  
Get down to come and go as bad  
There was no bell for the murdering man

They chased John Hardy back in jail oh boy  
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They chased John Hardy back in jail

That John Hardy had a pretty little wife  
Dressed like she wore the blue  
She came to the jailhouse with a loud loud shout

John Hardy I've been true to you oh boy  
John Hardy I've been true to you  
Yes, Johnny I've been true to you oh boy  
Johnny I've been true to you

John Hardy, he was standing in his cell  
With tears rolling down his eyes  
Been at the death of many poor men

Now I'm ready to die oh boy  
Now I'm ready to die  
Now I'm ready to die oh boy  
Now I'm ready to die

Been to the east, I've been to the west  
I've been the whole world around  
Been to the river and I've been baptized

Take me to my hanging ground, Lord, Lord  
Take me to my hanging ground

And John Hardy walked out on the sky full high  
Pretty little wife by his side  
And the last word she heard for John old sake

I'll meet now sweet, bye, bye, love, love  
Meet now sweet, bye, bye, love, love