

# I Shot The Sheriff

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**Ami**                      **Dmi**                      **Ami**  
1. I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy  
   **Dmi**                      **Ami**  
I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy

**Dmi**      **Emi**                      **Ami**  
All around in my home town  
**Dmi**                                      **Emi**                      **Ami**  
They're trying to track me down  
**Dmi**                                      **Emi**                      **Ami**  
They say they want to bring me in guilty  
                                 **Dmi**                      **Emi**      **Ami**  
For the killing of a deputy  
                                 **Dmi**                      **Emi**      **Ami**  
For the life of a deputy. But I say

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

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!

3. I shot the sheriff, but I swear it was in self-defense  
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Freedom came my way one day  
And I started out of town yeah  
All of a sudden I see sheriff John Brown  
Aiming to shoot me down  
So I shot, I shot him down I say!

4. I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy  
I shot the sheriff, but I didn't shoot the deputy

Reflexes got the better of me  
And what is to be must be  
Every day the bucket falls to the well  
But one day the bottom will drop out  
Yes, one day the bottom will drop out. But I say

5. I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy, oh no  
I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot no deputy, oh no