

# Ballad Of Billie Joe

Tom Jones

I'm the man their gonna hang for killing Billie Joe  
But there's a whole lot more to the story than they know  
Listen to my side of it and I think that you will see  
The reason that I killed the boy that made a fool of me

There was a girl named Mary Anne  
And Mary Anne meant all the world to me  
We planned to get married  
We set the date the wedding was to be

But I walked up to her house one night  
And out there on the front porch they sat  
And then I swore he'd never get away with that

Billie Joe took Mary Anne and went up to the dance hall one night  
They didn't know that I was standing back there in the shadows  
out of sight  
They sat down at a table and she smiled as he gave her hand the  
pat  
And then I swore he'd never get away with that

I swore he'd never get away with breaking my heart  
I knew that there was just one way to keep them apart

Everybody says his mother begged him  
Not to take his guns to town  
He should have listened to her  
She knew that I was gonna shoot him down

I'll be hung tomorrow just because I had to kill that little rat  
But I swore he'd never get away with that  
And Billie Joe didn't get away with that