

I Shot the Sheriff

Bob Marley – *Burnin'* (1973)

B1	(I shot the sheriff – But I didn't shoot no deputy, oh no oh) (I shot the sheriff – But I didn't shoot no deputy, ooh ooh ooh)	Gm Cm7 Gm7 % Gm Cm Gm %
A1	Yeah! All around in my hometown They're tryin' to track me down They say they want to bring me in guilty For the killing of a deputy For the life of a deputy But I say: Oh, now, now Oh!	Eb – Dm7 Gm Eb – Dm7 Gm Eb – Dm7 Gm Eb – Dm7 Gm Eb – Dm7 Gm g f d c bb d c bb g 2/4 n.c.
B2	(I shot the sheriff) Shot the sheriff (But I swear it was in self-defence) Oh, no! (ooh ooh ooh) Yeah! I say: I shot the sheriff – Oh, Lord! (And they say it is a capital offence) Yeah! (ooh ooh ooh) Yeah!	4/4 Gm Cm7 Gm7 % Gm Cm7 Gm7 %
A2	Sheriff John Brown always hated me For what, I don't know: Every time I plant a seed, he said kill it before it grows He said kill them before they grow And so, and so Read it in the news:	Eb – Dm7 Gm Eb – Dm7 Gm Eb – Dm7 Gm Eb – Dm7 Gm g f d c bb d c bb g 2/4 n.c.
B3	(I shot the sheriff) Oh, Lord! (But I swear it was in self-defence) Where was the deputy? (ooh ooh ooh) I say: I shot the sheriff, But I swear it was in self-defence, yeah (ooh ooh)	4/4 Gm Cm7 Gm7 % Gm Cm7 Gm7 %
A3	Freedom came my way one day And I started out of town, yeah All of a sudden I saw sheriff John Brown Aiming to shoot me down So I shot, I shot, I shot him down And I say: If I am guilty I will pay	Eb – Dm7 Gm Eb – Dm7 Gm Eb – Dm7 Gm Eb – Dm7 Gm Eb – Dm7 Gm g f d c bb d c bb g n.c. %
B4	(I shot the sheriff) But I say (But I didn't shoot no deputy) I didn't shoot no deputy (oh no oh) oh no (I shot the sheriff) I did (But I didn't shoot no deputy) Oh, yeah (ooh ooh ooh)	Gm Cm7 Gm7 % Gm Cm7 Gm7 %
A4	Reflexes had got the better of me And what is to be must be: Every day the bucket a go a well One day the bottom a go drop out One day the bottom a go drop out I say:	Eb – Dm7 Gm Eb – Dm7 Gm Eb – Dm7 Gm Eb – Dm7 Gm Eb – Dm7 Gm g f d c bb d c bb g 2/4 n.c.
Coda	I, I, I, I shot the sheriff Lord, I didn't shot the deputy, no – yeah I, I (shot the sheriff) But I didn't shoot no deputy, yeah – So, yeah (instrumental ad lib)	4/4 Gm Cm7 Gm7 % Gm Cm7 Gm7 % Gm Cm7 Gm7 %