

# I Shot The Sheriff – Bob Marley

[Chorus 1]      **Gm**  
I shot the sheriff,  
**Cm**                      **Gm**  
But I didn't shoot no deputy, oh no! Oh!  
**Gm**  
I shot the sheriff,  
**Cm**                      **Gm**  
But I didn't shoot no deputy. Ooh, ooh, oo-oo.

[Verse 1]      **Eb**   **Dm7**   **Gm**  
All a-round in my home town,  
                 **Eb**   **Dm7**   **Gm**  
They're tryin' to track me down;  
**Eb**                      **Dm7**                      **Gm**  
They say they want to bring me in guilty,  
                 **Eb**                      **Dm7** **Gm**  
For the killing of a depu-ty,  
                 **Eb**                      **Dm7** **Gm**  
For the life of a dep-uty. But I say...

[Chorus 2]      **Gm**  
I shot the sheriff,  
**Cm**                      **Gm**  
But I swear it was in self-defence. (Oh, no! Yeah!)  
                 **Gm**                      **Cm**  
I say; I shot the sheriff, oh Lord!  
                                 **Gm**  
And they say it is a capital offence. Yeah!

[Verse 2]      **Eb**   **Dm7**                      **Gm**  
Sheriff John Brown always hated me,  
                 **Eb**   **Dm7**                      **Gm**  
For what... I don't know.  
                 **Eb**   **Dm7**                      **Gm**  
Every time I plant a seed,  
                 **Eb**                      **Dm7**                      **Gm**  
He said kill it be-fore it grow,  
                 **Eb**                      **Dm7**                      **Gm**  
He said kill them be-fore they grow. And so, and so...

[Chorus 3]                           **Gm**  
I shot the sheriff,  
**Cm**                                           **Gm**  
But I swear it was in self-defence. I say;  
**Gm**  
I shot the sheriff,  
**Cm**                                           **Gm**  
But I swear it was in self-defence. (Yeah!)

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[Verse 3]

**Eb Dm7 Gm**  
Freedom came my way one day,  
**Eb Dm7 Gm**  
And I started, out of town, yeah!  
**Eb Dm7 Gm**  
All of a sudden I saw Sheriff John Brown,  
**Eb Dm7 Gm**  
Aiming to shoot me down,  
**Eb Dm7 Gm**  
So I shot, I shot, I shot him down. And I say...

(If I am guilty, I will pay)...

[Chorus 4]

**Gm**  
I shot the sheriff,  
**Cm Gm**  
But I didn't shoot no deputy, oh no! Oh!  
**Gm**  
I shot the sheriff,  
**Cm Gm**  
But I didn't shoot no deputy. Ooh, ooh, oo-oo.

[Verse 4]

**Eb Dm7 Gm**  
Re-flexes had the better of me,  
**Eb Dm7 Gm**  
And what is to be must be.  
**Eb Dm7 Gm**  
Every day, the bucket a-go a-well,  
**Eb Dm7 Gm**  
One day the bottom a-go drop out,  
**Eb Dm7 Gm**  
One day the bottom a-go drop out.

(I say)...

[Chorus 5]

**Gm**  
I-I-I, I shot the sheriff,  
**Cm Gm**  
Lord, I didn't shot the depu-ty. No!  
**Gm**  
I-I...(shot the sheriff),  
**Cm Gm**  
But I didn't shoot no deputy. Yeah! So, yeah!

[Coda]

**Gm Cm**  
**Gm**

(Repeat to Fade)