

# I SHOT THE SHERIFF

Words & Music by Bob Marley



Chorus  
Moderately ♩ = 96

Gr. 1 (clean)

(percussion)

Gr. 2 (clean)

(I shot the sheriff but I did n't shoot no

dep - u - ty, oh, no, oh. Yeah.

ooh, ooh, ooh.)

Verse

1. All a - round in my home - town, they try - in - to track me down,  
2. Sher-iff John Brown al - ways hat - ed me. For what, I don't know.  
4. See Additional Lyrics

Fill 1  
Gr. 4 (clean)

End Rhy. Fig. 1 Gr. 1: w/ Rhy. Fig. 1, 3 times, simile

yeah... They say they want to bring me in guilt - y for the  
Ev - 'ry time I plant a seed, he said

Gr. 4: w/ Fill 2, 2nd time

kill - ing of the dep - u - ty. Uh! for the life of a dep - u - ty.  
kill it be - fore it grows. He said, kill them be - fore they grow.

But I say. And so. Oh now, now. oh. Read it in the news.

And so. End Riff A

Fill 2  
Gr. 4

let ring -- 4

Fill 3  
Gr. 2



Gm Gtr. 1 tacet Cm

Gm

Cm Gm

All gtrs. tacet  
(bass & drums only) 9

*Additional Lyrics*

4. Reflexes had the better of me.  
 And what is to be, must be.  
 Ev'ryday the bucket a - go - a well.  
 One day the bottom a - go drop out,  
 One day the bottom a - go drop out.

**Chorus** 1, 1, 1, I shot the sheriff.  
 Lord, I didn't shot the deputy, no.  
 Yeah, 1, 1, (shot the sheriff)  
 But I didn't shoot no deputy, yeah.