

# **I SHOT THE SHERIFF**

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Album: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fou\\_HD2S5KA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fou_HD2S5KA)

Live: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O36luh8nx9I>

Key: Gm

Tempo: 96

TRT: 4:30

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## INTRO:

**Walkdown** [no chord]: **G - F - D - C - Bb - D C - Bb - G** [4 count hang AFTER you hit G]

## CHORUS:

**Gm Cm Gm**  
I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy  
I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy

**Eb Dm Gm**  
All around in my hometown  
They're trying 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 **[Walkdown]**

## CHORUS 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 **[Walkdown]**

CHORUS: (...but I swear it was in self-defense x2)

Freedom came my way one day | And I started out of town  
All of a sudden I see sheriff John Brown Aiming to shoot me down  
So I shot, I shot him down, I say **[Walkdown]**

CHORUS

SOLO [Verse prog + Walkdown]

CHORUS

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

CHORUS

SOLO [Verse prog + Walkdown to END]