

I SHOT THE SHERIFF

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Bright Reggae (♩ = ♪³)

Gm Cm7

I shot the sher - iff, but I did - n't shoot no

mf

Gm7

dep - u - ty, { oh, no, oh. ooh, ooh, ooh.

1

2 Eb Dm7 Gm7

Yeah. All a - round in my home - town
Sher - iff John Brown al - ways hat - ed me;

E \flat



Dm7



Gm



they're try - in' to track me down,
for what, I don't know. —

E \flat



Dm



Gm



yeah. They say they want to bring me in a guil - ty
Ev - 'ry time I plant a seed,

E \flat



Dm7



Gm



for the kill - ing of the dep - u - ty,
he said, "Kill it be - fore _ it grows."

E \flat



Dm



Gm



for the life of a dep - u - ty. _____
He said, "Kill them be - fore _ they grow." _____

N.C.

But I say,
And so,

Gm

oh, now, now. Oh, I shot the sher -
 Read it in the news. I shot the sher -

Cm7

Gm7

- iff, but I swear it was in self - de - fense.
 - iff, but I swear it was in self - de - fense.

Ooh, ooh — ooh.
 Ooh, ooh — ooo.

I said, I shot the sher -
 I shot the sher -

Cm7



Gm7



- iff, oh, Lord, and they say it is a cap - i - tal of - fense.
 - iff, but I swear it was in self - de - fense.

1

2

Ooh, ooh, ooh. Hear this.

Eb



Dm7



Gm



Free - dom came my way one of day and I
 flex - es had the bet - ter of me. And

Eb



Dm7



Gm



start - ed is to out be of town, ___ yeah!
 what is to be must ___ be. ___ Ev - 'ry

day All of a sud - den I saw Sher - iff John Brown,
 the buck - et a - go a well;

aim - in' to shoot me down. So, I
 one day the bot - tom ago drop out.

shot, I shot, I shot him down. And I say,
 One day the bot - tom ago drop out. I say,

N.C. To Coda

if I am

guil - ty I will pay.

Gm

Cm7

I shot the sher - iff, but I say, but I did - n't shoot no

Gm7

dep - u - ty, oh, no, — oh.

Cm7

I shot the sher - iff, but I did - n't shoot no

Gm7



D.S. al Coda

dep - u - ty, ooo, ooo, — ooh. Re -

CODA



Gm7



I, I, I, I

Cm7



shot the sher - iff, but I did - n't shoot the dep - u - ty, —

Gm7



Repeat ad lib. and Fade

no.