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[Cm]but I did not shoot the [.m]deputy.
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[Eb]All a[Dm]round in my [.m]home town
they're [Eb]tryin. to [Dm]track me [.m]down.
They [Eb]say they want to [Dm]brin. me in [.m].uilty
for the [Eb]killin. of a [Dm]deputy,[.m]
for the [Eb]killin. of a [Dm7]deputy. [.m]
But I say: [.m]

I shot the sheriff,
but I swear it was in selfdefence.
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Sheriff John Brown always hated me
for what I don't know.
Ev'ry time that I plant a seed
he said "Kill it before it .row,"
he said "Kill it before it .row."
But I say:

I shot the sheriff,
but I swear it was in selfdefence.
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Freedom came my way one day
and I started out of town.
All of a sudden I see sheriff John Brown,
aimin. to shoot me down.
So I shot, I shot him down.
But I say:

I shot the sheriff,
but I did not shoot the deputy.
I shot the sheriff,
but I did not shoot the deputy.
Reflexes .ot the better of me
and what is to be must be.
Ev'ry day the bucket .oes to the well,
but one day the bottom will drop out,
yes one day the bottom will drop out.
But I say: