

I Shot The Sheriff

Words & Music by Bob Marley

♩ = 96

Chorus
1 bar count in:

Gm Cm7 Gm

I shot the sher - iff, but I did not shoot the dep - u - ty.

mf

Cm7 Gm

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



Verse

E^bmaj⁹ Dm⁷ Gm E^bmaj⁹ Dm⁷

1. All a - round in my home - town, they're try - ing to track me down.
2. Sher - iff John Brown al - ways ha - ted me. For what, I don't
4. Re - flex - es got the bet - ter of me, and what is to be,

Gm E^bmaj⁹ Dm⁷ Gm E^bmaj⁹ Dm⁷

They say they want to bring me in guil - ty, for the kill - in' of the dep - u - ty,
know. And ev - 'ry time that I plant a seed, he said, "Kill it be - fore it
must be. Ev - 'ry day the buck - et goes to the well, but one day, the bot - tom will

Gm E^bmaj⁹ Dm⁷ Gm N.C.

_____ for the life_____ of a dep - u - ty._____ But I say, -
 grows." He_ said, "Kill it be - fore it grows."_____ I say, -
 drop out._____ Yes, one day the bot - tom will drop out. But I say, -

Chorus To Coda ⊕

Gm

I _____ shot the sher - iff, _____

mf

Cm⁷ Gm

but I swear it was in self de - fence.

1, 2.

Cm⁷ Gm

I _____ shot the sher - iff, _____

{ and they say it is a cap - i - tal of - fence. _____
 but I swear it was in self de - fence. _____

3.

Cm⁷ Gm

I _____ shot the sher - iff, _____

but I swear it was in self de - fence. _____

Verse

E^bmaj⁹ Dm⁷ Gm E^bmaj⁹ Dm⁷

3. Free - dom came my_ way__one day,_ an' I start - ed out of town,_

Gm E^bmaj⁹ Dm⁷ Gm E^bmaj⁹ Dm⁷

__ yeah. All of a sud - den, I__ see Sher - iff John_ Brown,_ aim - in' to shoot me__

Gm E^bmaj⁹ Dm⁷ Gm

__ down,_ so I shot, I shot him down._ An' I

N.C.

say,_____

3

Chorus

Gm Cm⁷ Gm

I shot the sher - iff, but I did not shoot the dep - u - ty.

D.S. al Coda

Gm Cm⁷ Gm

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

♠ Coda

Cm⁷ Gm

but I did - n't shoot the dep - u - ty.

Cm⁷ Gm

I shot the sher - iff, but I did not shoot no dep - u - ty, oh no.

E^bmaj⁹ Dm⁷ Gm E^bmaj⁹ Dm⁷ Gm *Repeat ad. lib to fade*