I Shot the Sheriff – Bob Marley (1973)

\[ \text{Main Riff: (E minor)} \]

CHORUS 1
Em Am Em
I shot the sheriff… But I didn't shoot the deputy… oh no, oh!
Em Am Em
I shot the sheriff… But I didn't shoot no deputy….Ooo, ooo, oooh!

VERSE
C D Em
All around in my home town
C D Em
They're tryin’ to track me down
C D Em
They say they want to bring me in guilty
C D Em
For the killing of a deputy
C D Em
For the life of a deputy…..But I say (PLAY RIFF) (“oh, now, now”)

CHORUS
Em Am Em
I shot the sheriff…… But I swear it was in self defence. (“Oh, no…no!”)
Em Am Em
I shot the sheriff…. And they say it is a capital offence. Ooo, ooo, oo-ooh

VERSE
C D Em
Sheriff John Brown always after me
C D Em
For what…..I don't know
C D Em
Every time I plant a seed

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He say kill it before it grow
He said kill them before they grow….and so (PLAY RIFF) (“Read it in the news!”)

CHORUS
Em Am Em
I shot the sheriff….. But I swear it was in self defence! (“Where was the deputy?”)
Em Am Em
I shot the sheriff…..But I swear it was in self-defence! oo-ooh

VERSE 3
C D Em
Freedom came my way one day
C D Em
And I started…out of town
C D Em
All of a sudden I saw…..Sheriff John Brown
C D Em
Aiming to shoot me down
C D Em
So I shot, I shot, I shot the sheriff….and I say (PLAY RIFF) (“If I am guilty, I will pay”)

CHORUS 1

VERSE 4
C D Em
Reflexes got the better of me
C D Em
And what is to be must be
C D Em
Every day, the bucket goes to the well
C D Em
One day the bottom a-go drop out
C D Em
One day the bottom a-go drop out….I say (PLAY RIFF)

FINAL CHORUS 1....END.