

# I Shot The Sheriff – Clapton Version - Gm Cm // D# Dm Gm D#

CHORUS:

Gm Cm Gm  
I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy  
Gm Cm Gm  
I shot the sheriff, but I didn't shoot the deputy

VERSE 1:

D# Dm Gm  
All around in my home town  
D# Dm Gm  
They're trying to track me down  
D# Dm Gm  
They say they want to bring me in guilty  
D# Dm Gm  
For the killing of a deputy  
D# Dm Gm  
For the life of a deputy But I say! (RIFF 1)

RIFF 1:

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CHORUS:

Gm Cm Gm  
I shot the sheriff, but I swear it was in self-defense  
Gm Cm Gm  
I shot the sheriff, and they say it is a capital offense

VERSE 2:

D#            Dm                    Gm  
Sheriff John Brown always hated me  
D#            Dm                    Gm  
For what I don't know  
D#            Dm                    Gm  
Every time that I plant a seed  
D#                                    Dm                    Gm  
He said "Kill it before it grows"  
D#                                    Dm                    Gm  
He said "Kill it before it grows"    I say!    (RIFF 1)

CHORUS:

Gm                                    Cm                                    Gm  
I shot the sheriff, but I swear it was in self-defense  
Gm                                    Cm                                    Gm  
I shot the sheriff, but I swear it was in self-defense

VERSE 3:

D#            Dm                    Gm  
Freedom came my way one day  
D#            Dm                    Gm  
And I started out of town, yeah  
D#            Dm                    Gm  
All of a sudden I see sheriff John Brown  
D#            Dm                    Gm  
Aiming to shoot me down  
D#    Dm        Gm  
So I shot, I shot him down    I say!    (RIFF 1)

CHORUS:

Gm                                    Cm                                    Gm  
I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy  
Gm                                    Cm                                    Gm  
I shot the sheriff, but I didn't shoot the deputy

VERSE 4:

D# Dm Gm  
Reflexes got the better of me  
D# Dm Gm  
And what is to be must be  
D# Dm Gm  
Every day the bucket falls to the well  
D# Dm Gm  
But one day the bottom will drop out  
D# Dm Gm  
Yes, one day the bottom will drop out But I say! (RIFF 1)

CHORUS:

Gm Cm Gm  
I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy, oh no  
Gm Cm Gm  
I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot no deputy, oh no

ENDING: D# Dm Gm  
D# Dm Gm (repeat and fade)