

I SHOT THE SHERRIFF - BOB MARLEY (1973)

♩ = 160

MAIN RIFF: (E MINOR)

The main riff is written in E minor, 4/4 time. The melodic line starts on the 7th fret of the G string, moves to the 5th fret of the G string, then the 2nd fret of the G string, followed by a half note on the 2nd fret of the G string. The next measure starts on the 2nd fret of the G string, moves to the 3rd fret of the G string, then the 0th fret of the G string, followed by a half note on the 3rd fret of the G string. The final measure starts on the 0th fret of the G string, moves to the 3rd fret of the G string, then the 0th fret of the G string, followed by a half note on the 0th fret of the G string.

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A											
B											

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-oh

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

C D Em
He say kill it before it grow

C D Em
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! ooo-oo

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.