

I Shot the Sheriff

Standard Key for Viola

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Medium Slow [Eric Clapton 1974] (♩ = 95)

A musical score for 'I Shot the Sheriff' in 3/4 time. The key signature is C minor (one flat). The melody is in G major. The chords shown are G major (GMI), C major 7 (CMI⁷), G major (GMI), and G major (GMI). The lyrics are: I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the depu-ty._

5 **GMI** **CMI⁷** **GMI** **GMI**
I shot the sher-iff, but I did not shoot the dep-u - ty._

B

9 **E_bMA⁷** **D_{MI}⁷** **G_{MI}** **E_bMA⁷** **D_{MI}⁷** **G_{MI}**

All around in my home town they're trying to track me down. They

13 **E^bMA⁷** **D_{MI}⁷** **G_{MI}** **E^bMA⁷** **D_{MI}⁷** **G_{MI}**

say they want to bring me in guilt-y for the killing of a dep - u - ty. For the

17 **E_bMA⁷** **D_MI⁷** **G_MI**

life of a dep - u - ty. But I say:

The musical score consists of a staff with five lines and a fifth line below. The first measure shows a single note on the first line. The second measure has notes on the first and second lines. The third measure has notes on the first, second, and third lines. The fourth measure has notes on the first, second, and third lines. The fifth measure has notes on the first, second, and third lines. The sixth measure has a note on the first line. The seventh measure has a note on the first line. The eighth measure has notes on the first and second lines. The ninth measure has notes on the first, second, and third lines.

Musical score for measures 19-21. The score consists of three staves. The first staff starts with a fermata over a note, followed by a eighth-note followed by a sixteenth-note. The second staff begins with a measure of two eighth notes. The third staff starts with a measure of common time (indicated by 'C') followed by a measure of common time (indicated by 'C'). Measure 21 concludes with a fermata over a note.

Outro

A musical staff with four measures. The first measure shows a G major chord (G-B-D) with a bass note G. The second measure shows a C major 7th chord (C-E-G-B) with a bass note C. The third and fourth measures show a G major chord (G-B-D) with a bass note G.

I Shot the Sheriff

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

2. Sheriff John Brown always hated me, for what I don't know.
Every time that I plant a seed he said, "Kill it before it grows."
He said, "Kill it before it grows." But I say,

I shot the sheriff but I swear it was in self-defense.
I shot the sheriff but I swear it was in self-defense.

3. Freedom came my way one day and I started out of town.
All of a sudden, I see sheriff John Brown, aiming 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.

4. Reflexes got the better of me and what is to be, must be.
Every day the bucket goes to well but one day the bottom will drop out.
Yes, one day the bottom will drop out. 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.