

The Long Black Veil

Lefty Frizzell, Faron Young Key for Viola

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Medium [Lefty Frizzell 1959] ($\text{♩} = 130$)

Verse

1 | E E E E |
Ten years a - go — on a cold, dark night — there was

5 | B⁷ B⁷ A E |
some - one killed 'neath the town hall light. There were

9 | E E E E |
few at the scene, — but they — all a - greed — that the

13 | B⁷ B⁷ A E |
slay - er who ran — looked a lot like — me. — The

18 | **Chorus** E A E A E |
She walks these hills in a long black veil, she

23 | A E A E |
vis - its my grave when the night winds wail.

27 | E E E A |
No - bod-y knows, no - bod-y

31 | E A B⁷ E |
sees, No - bod-y knows but me. The
To Coda \oplus *D.C. al 2nd Ending*

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∅ Coda

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E A B⁷ E E

No - bod - y knows but me.

The musical notation consists of a single staff in common time. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The first measure shows an E chord. The second measure shows an A chord. The third measure shows a B⁷ chord. The fourth measure shows an E chord. The fifth measure shows an E chord. The lyrics "No - bod - y knows but me." are written below the notes, corresponding to the chords.

Verse 1 Ten years ago, on a cold dark night
There was someone killed 'neath the town hall light
There were few at the scene, but they all agreed
That the slayer who ran looked a lot like me

Verse 2 The judge said, "Son what is your alibi?
If you were somewhere else then you won't have to die"
I spoke not a word though it meant my life
For I had been in the arms of my best friend's wife

Chorus She walks these hills in a long black veil
She visits my grave when the night winds wail
Nobody knows, nobody sees
Nobody knows but me

Verse 3 The scaffold is high, and eternity nears
She stood in the crowd and shed not a tear
But sometimes at night when the cold wind mourns
In a long black veil she cries over my bones

Chorus She walks these hills in a long black veil
She visits my grave when the night winds wail
Nobody knows, nobody sees
Nobody knows but me, nobody knows but me, nobody knows but me