

I Shot the Sheriff

Bb for Standard Key

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

A musical score for 'I Shot the Sheriff' in common time (C). The key signature is A major (one sharp). The melody is in soprano range. Chords shown are A major (A MI), D major 7 (D MI⁷), A major (A MI), and A major (A MI). The lyrics are: I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the dep-u-ty._

5 **A**MI D**M**I⁷ **A**MI **A**MI

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

B

9 **F_{MA}7** **E_{MI}7** **A_{MI}** **F_{MA}7** **E_{MI}7** **A_{MI}**

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

13 **F**_{MA}⁷ **E**_{MI}⁷ **A**_{MI} **F**_{MA}⁷ **E**_{MI}⁷ **A**_{MI}

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

17 **F_#MA**⁷ **E_MI**⁷ **A_MI**

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

Musical score for piano showing measures 19-21. The score consists of three staves. The first staff starts with a dynamic of **N.C.**. The second staff begins with a dynamic of **N.C.** and features a key signature of **C**. The third staff begins with a dynamic of **N.C.** and features a key signature of **C**.

Outro

Guitar tablature for measures 22-25. The first measure shows an A minor chord (A, C#, E) across all six strings. The second measure shows a D minor 7 chord (D, F#, A, C) across all six strings. The third and fourth measures both show an A minor chord (A, C#, E) across all six strings.

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.
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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.