

# I Shot The Sheriff

Bob Marley (or Victor Ford?)

Reggae

## Chorus

Gm7	Cm7	Gm7	Gm7
Gm7	Cm7	Gm7	Gm7

## Verse

Cm7/Eb Dm7	Gm7	Cm7/Eb Dm7	Gm7
Cm7/Eb Dm7	Gm7	Cm7/Eb Dm7	Gm7
Cm7/Eb Dm7	Gm7	Riff (6 beats)	drums (4 beats)

Notes: Gm7 can be played with first finger on third fret playing top four strings.

Likewise, Cm7 is played similarly on the 8th fret and Dm7 on the 10th fret.

The /Eb after the Cm7 simply means the bass player plays an Eb under this chord.

## Riff

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e -----|-----|
B -----|-----|
G -----|-----|
D 5-3-----|-----|
A ----5-3----5-3----|-----|
E -----6-----6-|3-----|
  
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## Sequence (Clapton version)

Chorus/verse x 4

Chorus/Instrumental verse

I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy.  
I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy.

All around in my home town  
They're trying to track me down.  
They say they want to bring me in guilty  
For the killing of a deputy,  
For the life of a deputy.  
But I say:

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

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."  
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.

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.  
I say:

I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy.  
I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy.

Reflexes got the better of me  
And what is to be must be.  
Every day the bucket goes to the 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, oh I  
I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy, oh I