I SHOT THE SHERIFF

Em   Am   Em
I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy
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I shot the sheriff, but I did not shoot the deputy

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

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

C   Bm   Em
Sheriff John Brown always hated me
C   Bm   Em
For what I don't know
C   Bm   Em
Every time that I plant a seed
     C   Bm   Em
He said "Kill it before it grows"
     C   Bm   Em   [Em-8]
He said "Kill it before it grows"   I say RIFF

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C   Bm   Em
Freedom came my way one day
C   Bm   Em
And I started out of town yeah
C   Bm   Em
All of a sudden I see sheriff John Brown
C   Bm   Em
Aiming to shoot me down
      C   Bm   Em   [Em-8]
So I shot, I shot him down   I say RIFF

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C   Bm   Em
Reflexes got the better of me
C   Bm   Em
And what is to be must be
C   Bm   Em
Every day the bucket falls to the well
        C   Bm   Em
But one day the bottom will drop out
         C   Bm   Em   [Em-8]
Yes, one day the bottom will drop out   But I say RIFF

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SOLO |Em-4 Am-4 Em-8||Em-4 Am-4 Em-8|
   |C-2 Bm-2 Em-4||C-2 Bm-2 Em-4|
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