

They say they want to bring me in guilty, for the killing of a depu - ty,

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

CHORUS:

2nd VERSE: 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 grow,"
 He said "Kill it before it grow." But I say: **CHORUS:**

3rd VERSE. 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: **CHORUS:**

4th VERSE. Reflexes got the better of me, and what is to be must be.
 Ev'ry 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: **CHORUS:**