

Long Black Veil - Johnny Cash (1968)

[Verse 1] Capo 4

C

Ten years ago on a cold dark night

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F

C

Someone was killed 'neath the town hall light

C

There were few at the scene but they all agreed

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C

That the slayer who ran looked a lot like me.

[Chorus]

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C

She walks these hills in a long black veil.

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C

She visits my grave when the night winds wail.

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Nobody knows, nobody sees; nobody knows but me.

[Verse 2]

C

The judge said, "Son, what is your alibi?

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C

If you were somewhere else then you won't have to die."

C

I spoke not a word though it meant my life,

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C

For I had been in the arms of my best friend's wife.

[Chorus]

[Verse 3]

C

The scaffold was high and eternity near

G

F

C

She stood in the crowd and shed not a tear

C

But sometimes at night when the cold wind moans

G

F

C

In a long black veil she cries over my bones.

[Chorus]