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I Hung My Head
Johnny Cash
Intro: C F C F C C
Early one morning
With time to kill
   Am
I borrowed Jebb s rifle
And sat on a hill
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I saw a lone rider
Crossing the plain
I drew a bead on him
To practice my aim
Dm
My brother s rifle
Went of in my hand
A shot rang out
  C
Across the land
The horse, he kept running
     Am
The rider was dead
I hung my head
I hung my head
  C
I set off running
To wake from the dream
My brother s rifle
Went into the sheen
   C
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I kept on running

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Into the south lands
        Am
That s where they found me
My head and my hands
   Dm
The sheriff he asked me
Why had I run
And then it came to me
Just what I had done
And all for no reason
    Am
Just one peace of lead
I hung my head
I hung my head
Here in the court house
The whole town was there
I see the judge
High up in the chair
Explain to the court room
What went through you mind
And we ll ask the jury
What verdict they find
Dm
I felt the power
Of death over life
I orphaned his children
I widowed his wife
I begged their forgiveness
  Am
I wish I was dead
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Early one morning
With time to kill
Am
I see the gallows
Up on a hill
And out in the distance
A trick of the brain
I see a lone rider
Crossing the plain
   Dm
And he d come to fetch me
To see what they d done
And we d ride together
   C
To kingdom come
I prayed for god s mercy
For soon I d be dead
I hung my head
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