

# Smackwater Jack

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Now Smackwater Jack, he bought a shotgun  
'Cause he was in the mood for a little confrontation  
He just let it all hang loose  
He didn't think about the noose  
He couldn't take no more abuse  
So he shot down the congregation

You can't talk to a man  
With a shotgun in his hand  
Shotgun

Now Big Jim the chief stood for law and order  
He called for the guard to come and surround the border  
Now from his bulldog mouth  
As he led the posse south  
Came the cry, we got to ride  
Clean up the streets for our wives and our daughters

You can't talk to a man  
When he don't want to understand  
No, no, no, no, no, no

The account of the capture wasn't in the papers  
But you know, they hanged ole Smack right then instead of later  
You know the people were quite pleased  
'Cause the outlaw had been seized  
And on the whole, it was a very good year  
For the undertaker

You know, you know, you can't talk to a man  
With a shotgun in his hand  
Shotgun in his hand

Smackwater Jack, yeah  
Smackwater Jack bought a shotgun  
Yeah, Smackwater Jack bought a shotgun  
Smackwater Jack, yeah  
Smackwater Jack, yeah

Talkin' about Smackwater Jack, yeah  
Talkin' about Smackwater Jack, oh  
Talkin' about Jack and his shotgun,  
Talkin' about Smack, talkin' about Jack  
Smackwater Jack, yeah