

Bloody Shells

Chuck Ragan

They took him in arrest with a shot through his chest
And many more followed through
The men folk shook their heads and said we did what we had to do
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While the women folk buried their heads in their hands and covered the children's eyes
Before that mob turned to see Mr. Watson's children and wife crying

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These shores you scorn
In the times we make
While our lives you take
Well you sent a devil down to the Ten Thousand Islands
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Here life ain't grand as sugar cane is sweet
when the tides bring misery
Of two young lovers shot all to hell over land while Watson's free

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Boys raise an ear before you raise your iron
Unless you aim with will
For Edgar J. won't back down to you son
And that's why he will be killed

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