

(The Man Who Shot) Liberty Valance

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When Liberty Valance rode to town, the womenfolk would hide, they'd hide

When Liberty Valance walked around, the men would step aside
'Cause the point of a gun was the only law that Liberty understood

When it came to shootin' straight and fast, he was mighty good

From out of the east a stranger came, a law book in his hand, a man

The kind of a man the West would need to tame a troubled land
'Cause the point of a gun was the only law that Liberty understood

When it came to shootin' straight and fast, he was mighty good

Many a man would face his gun, and many a man would fall

The man who shot Liberty Valance

He shot Liberty Valance

He was the bravest of them all

The love of a girl can make a man stay on when he should go, stay on

Just tryin' to build a peaceful life where love is free to grow
But the point of a gun was the only law that Liberty understood
When the final showdown came at last, a law book was no good

Alone and afraid, she prayed that he'd return that fateful night, aw, that night

When nothin' she said could keep her man from goin' out to fight

From the moment a girl gets to be full-grown, the very first thing she learns

When two men go out to face each other, only one returns

Everyone heard two shots ring out, one shot made Liberty fall

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