John Hardy

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Now John Hardy was a desperate little man Strapped on his guns every day Shot down a man on the West Virginia line You oughta seen John Hardy get away Oughta seen John Hardy gettin' away

He run up to Virginia around the east stone bridge Thought he would surely be free And along came a marshall with a gun in his hand Said Johnny come along with me boy The judge wants to see you boy come along with me

Now John Hardy had himself a little woman The dress she wore was blue She hollered out to Johnny as he run on out of town Johnny I'll be true to you boy Johnny I'll be true to you

Well his legend had traveled from the east to the west From the north to the southeastern towns But when the sun comes up tomorrow they'll take John Hardy down And show him to his hanging ground They're gonna let John Hardy swing down