

Long Black Veil

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D *D* *D* *D*
Ten years ago on a cold dark night
A *A7* *G* *D*
Someone was killed 'neath the town hall light
 D *D* *D* *D*
The people who saw they all agreed
 A *A7* *G* *D*
That the slayer who ran looked a lot like me

D *D* *D* *D*
The judge said "Son, what is your alibi
A *A7* *G* *D*
If you were somewheres else, then you won't have to die"
 D *D* *D* *D*
I spoke not a word, though it meant my life
 A *A7* *G* *D*
For I'd been in the arms of my best friend's wife

G *D* *G* *D* *D* *D* *D*
She walks these hills in a long black veil
 G *D* *G* *D* *D* *D* *D*
She visits my grave while the night winds wail
D *Bm* *G* *D*
Nobody knows, nobody sees,
G *A7* *D* *D*
Nobody knows but me

D *D* *D* *D*
The scaffold was high, and eternity near
A *A7* *G* *D*
She stood in the crowd, but she shed not a tear
 D *D* *D* *D*
But sometimes at night, when the cold wind moans
 A *A7* *G* *D*
She visits my grave, and she cries o'er my bones