

# Otto Wood the Bandit

Doc Watson

Step up, buddies and listen to my song  
I'll sing it to you right, but you might sing it wrong  
A song about a man they called Otto Wood  
I can't tell you all, but I wish I could  
He stepped in a pawn shop, a rainy day  
And then he had a quarrel with a clerk, they say  
He pulled out his pistol and struck him fatal blows  
And this is the way the story goes  
Otto, why didn't you run?  
Otto's done dead and gone  
Otto Wood, why didn't you run  
When the sheriff pulled out that 44 gun?  
They spread the news as fast as they could  
The sheriff served a warrant on Otto Wood  
Jury said, "Murder in the second degree"  
And the judge passed sentence to the penitentiary  
They put him in the pen, but it done no good  
'Cause it wouldn't hold a man they call Otto Wood  
It wasn't very long till he slipped outside  
Drew a gun on the guard, said, "Take me for a ride"  
Otto, why didn't you run?  
Otto's done dead and gone  
Otto Wood, why didn't you run  
When the sheriff pulled out that 44 gun?  
The second time they caught him was away out west  
In a holdup game, he got shot through the breast  
They brought him back and when he got well  
They locked him down in a dungeon cell  
He was a man that could not run  
For he always totted a 44 gun  
He loved the women and he hated the law  
And he just didn't take nobody's jaw  
Otto, why didn't you run?  
Otto's done dead and gone  
Otto Wood, why didn't you run  
When the sheriff pulled out that 44 gun?  
He rambled out west and he rambled all around  
Till he met two sheriffs in a southern town  
They said, "Otto, step to the way  
But we've been expecting you every day"  
He pulled out his gun and then he said  
"Make a crooked move and you both fall dead"

You better crank up your car and take me out of town"  
But a few minutes later he was graveyard bound  
Otto, why didn't you run?  
Otto's done dead and gone  
Otto Wood, why didn't you run  
When the sheriff pulled out that 44 gun?

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