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I DIDN'T KNOW THE GUN WAS LOADED

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Key of C (C-D)

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Piano

Brightly



Voice

C

F

1. Oh, Miss Ef - fie was her name. Through the west - she won her
2. (Now one) night she had a date With a wrest - ling heav - y -
3. (Soon a) mil - lion - aire in town Start - ed tak - ing her a -
4. (But one) night she made a slip, Shot the sher - iff in the
5. (Yes, the) jur - y all a - greed That Miss Ef - fie should be

mp-mf



G7

G9+

C

C#dim

fame Be - ing hand - y with a gun But she drove the men in -
weight, And he tried a brand new hold She did not ap - pre - ci -
round. She was hap - py till he said That some so - cial - ite he'd
hip. So the Law it took a hand And made Ef - fie take the
freed, But the sher - iff's jeal - ous wife Was in - dig - nant, yes in -



G7

C

C7

F

sane. 'Cause she'd whip out her pis - tol And shoot most an - y
ate. So she whipped out her pis - tol And shot him in the
wed. So she whipped out her pis - tol And shot him in the
stand. And she pled, "Oh Your Hon - or," I know you'll turn me
deed. So she bor - rowed a pis - tol And shot this vil - lage



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F#dim G7 C F#dim G7 C 3

guy, Then sing out this al - i - bi: _____
 knee, Then quick - ly she sang this plea: _____
 side, Then fell to her knees and cried: _____
 loose, When you hear my one ex - cuse: _____
 belle, And sang as Miss Ef - fie fell: _____

Chorus G7+ C G7+ C

I DID - N'T KNOW _____ THE GUN WAS LOAD - ED _____

mp-mf

G7+ C D7 D7b5 G7 G7+

And I'm so sor - ry, my friend. _____ I DID - N'T

C C7 C7+ F Fm G7

KNOW _____ THE GUN WAS LOAD - ED _____ And I'll nev - er, nev - er

G9 C 1. 2. 3. 4. F#dim G7 C 5. C F#dim G7 C

do it a - gain. _____ gain. _____

2. Now one
 3. Soon a
 4. But one
 5. Yes, the