

Scene of the Crime

Background: An ode and response to Bruce Springsteen's Johnny 99 and John Hiatt's Tennessee Plates.

Written: 2023

Arr.	Key	Time	Tuning	Tempo	Style	Capo
1	A	4/4	Standard	145	Upbeat Chuck Berry Rock and Roll in A	2, None

Arrangement	1
Intro	Any Chuck Berry style intro
Verse	AAAA DDAA EDAA EDAA
Chorus	DAEDA
Bridge	DAEDA x2
Ending	Any Chuck Berry style ending

Chords Used in this Song

D	A	E

Chuck Berry Rhythm in A

A5	A6(no3)	D5	D6(no3)	E5	E6(no3)

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Verse 1

The door blew back
She caught me and Jane in the act
She pulled out my gun
Shot Jane right through her back
Then she fired at me
But aimed just a little high
Left the gun and me
Bleeding at the scene of the crime

Chorus 1

The scene of the crime
She fled the scene of the crime
It was revenge served cold
Down at the scene of the crime

Verse 2

The Blue came down
They hauled me fast away
As the cuffs snapped
I knew I'd lived my last free day
I looked back to see them
Draw the chalk outline
Around Jane's dead body
Down at the scene of the crime

Chorus 2

The scene of the crime
Jane laid dead at the scene of the crime
With my DNA all over
The bloody scene of the crime

Bridge 1

Well the crime was pre-meditated
The assault aggravated
With malice aforethought
And callous disregard
She knew they'd hold me liable
No homicide justifiable

They'd say a lovers quarrel
A botched murder-suicide

Verse 3

The jury brought in guilty
The sentence was one lifetime
Stamping out those Tennessee plates
On the Brushy Mountain line
And to share a cell
With the legend Johnny 99
For what they said I'd done
Down at the scene of the crime

Chorus 3

The scene of the crime
Setup at the scene of the crime
Sentenced for sins committed
Down at scene of the crime

Bridge 2

Revenge was her purpose
Goddam that habeas corpus
All the evidence before us
Sealed my fate
She had an ulterior motive
Like a runaway locomotive
A vengeance so emotive
Just to implicate

Verse 4

Well your honor you must know
That I've been framed
Yeah I was stepping out, but murder?
No I'm not to blame
It was her, your honor
As I turned to point one last time
But she was gone gone gone
Gone from the scene of the crime
Yeah she was gone gone gone
Gone from the scene of the crime

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<p>Capo on 2 Verse: AAAAD DAA E DAAE DAA</p>	<p>Chorus: DAEDA Bridge: DAEDA x2</p>
<p>Verse 1 The door blew back She caught me and Jane in the act She pulled out my gun Shot Jane right through her back Then she fired at me But aimed just a little high Left the gun and me Bleeding at the scene of the crime</p>	<p>Verse 3 The jury brought in guilty The sentence was one lifetime Stamping out those Tennessee plates On the Brushy Mountain line And to share a cell With the legend Johnny 99 For what they said I'd done Down at the scene of the crime</p>
<p>Chorus 1 The scene of the crime She fled the scene of the crime It was revenge served cold Down at the scene of the crime</p>	<p>Chorus 3 The scene of the crime Setup at the scene of the crime Sentenced for sins committed Down at scene of the crime</p>
<p>Verse 2 The Blue came down They hauled me fast away As the cuffs snapped I knew I'd lived my last free day I looked back to see them Draw the chalk outline Around Jane's dead body Down at the scene of the crime</p>	<p>Bridge 2 Revenge was her purpose Goddam that habeas corpus All the evidence before us Sealed my fate She had an ulterior motive Like a runaway locomotive A vengeance so emotive Just to implicate</p>
<p>Chorus 2 The scene of the crime Jane laid dead at the scene of the crime With my DNA all over The bloody scene of the crime</p>	<p>Verse 4 Well your honor you must know That I've been framed Yeah I was stepping out, but murder? No I'm not to blame It was her, your honor As I turned to point one last time But she was gone gone gone Gone from the scene of the crime Yeah she was gone gone gone Gone from the scene of the crime</p>
<p>Bridge 1 Well the crime was pre-meditated The assault aggravated With malice aforethought And callous disregard She knew they'd hold me liable No homicide justifiable They'd say a lovers quarrel A botched murder-suicide</p>	

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(Long Version)

Verse 1

The door slammed back
And she caught us in the act
Like she knew in advance
Just where we were at
Lying in wait
And waiting on a lie
She caught us red handed
Down at the scene of the crime

Verse 2

Well I wondered
How she knew her name
How she got hold of the gun
I'd used that day
How she waited so patiently
Just killing time
Revenge is sweet served cold
At the scene of the crime

Chorus 1

The scene of the crime
Oh no the scene of the crime
Yeah revenge served cold
Down at the scene of the crime

Verse 3

She fired one shot at her
From a gloved hand
Then turned to me
Frozen where I stand
Then she smiled and winked
And fired just a little bit high
And left the gun and me
Bleeding at the scene of the crime

Verse 4

The Blue came sirens blarin'
And hauled me away
As the cuffs snapped closed
I knew I'd lived my last free day
I looked back to see them
Draw the chalk outline
Around her dead body
There at the scene of the crime

Chorus 2

The scene of the crime
Oh lord the scene of the crime
Yeah my DNA's all over
That scene of the crime

(Solo)

Bridge

Well the crime was pre-meditated
The assault aggravated
With malice aforethought
And callous disregard
She knew they'd hold me liable
No homicide justifiable
A lovers quarrel
A botched murder-suicide

Verse 5

So now I stand in front of
The jury and the judge
Praying for leniency
But I know they won't budge
It's evident the evidence
Is as strong as gravity
I had the means, motive
and the opportunity

Verse 6

Has the jury reached a verdict?
Yes your honor we have in full

We find the defendant guilty
And hope you damn his soul
A unanimous vote
No need to poll this time
That's the man responsible
For the scene of the crime

Bridge 2

Revenge was her purpose
Goddam my habeas corpus
She tried to look somber
But a light in her eyes shined
She had an ulterior motive
Like a runaway locomotive
Her passion so emotive
But predesigned

Verse 7

Well the sentence boy
Must surely fit this crime
I condemn you to not less
Than one lifetime
Go stamp out Tennessee plates
On the Brushy Mountain line
Live forever with your sins
And bunk with Johnny 99

Verse 8

Well your honor you must know
That I've been framed
I was stepping out, but murder?
No, I'm not to blame
It was her your honor as I turned
And pointed one last time
But she was gone gone gone
Gone from the scene of the crime
Yeah she was gone gone gone
Gone from the scene of the crime