Lyrics to Bob Dylan’s Murder Most Foul, 2020

[Verse 1]  
[It was a dark day in Dallas, November '63](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19401246)  
[A day that will live on in infamy](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19399108)  
[President Kennedy was a-ridin' high](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19404217)  
[Good day to be livin' and a good day to die](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19416304)  
Being led to the slaughter like a sacrificial lamb  
He said, "Wait a minute, boys, you know who I am?"  
"Of course we do, we know who you are"  
Then they blew off his head while he was still in the car  
Shot down like a dog in broad daylight  
[Was a matter of timing and the timing was right](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19423992)  
You got unpaid debts, we've come to collect  
[We're gonna kill you with hatred, without any respect](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19404700)  
We'll mock you and shock you and we'll put it in your face  
[We've already got someone here to take your place](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19605239)  
[The day they blew out the brains of the king  
Thousands were watching, no one saw a thing](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19399295)  
It happened so quickly, so quick, by surprise  
Right there in front of everyone's eyes  
[Greatest magic trick ever under the sun](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19435952)  
Perfectly executed, skillfully done  
[Wolfman, oh Wolfman, oh Wolfman, howl](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19397951)  
[Rub-a-dub-dub, it's a murder most foul](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19437183)  
  
[Verse 2]  
[Hush, little children, you'll understand](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19401389)  
[The Beatles are comin', they're gonna hold your hand](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19396074)  
[Slide down the banister, go get your coat](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19436992)  
[Ferry 'cross the Mersey and go for the throat](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19399278)  
[There's three bums comin' all dressed in rags](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19396818)  
[Pick up the pieces and lower the flags](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19611638)  
[I'm goin' to Woodstock, it's the Aquarian Age  
Then I'll go over to Altamont and sit near the stage](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19406769)  
Put your head out the window, let the good times roll  
[There's a party going on behind the Grassy Knoll](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19397997)  
[Stack up the bricks, pour the cement](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19454695)  
[Don't say Dallas don't love you, Mr. President](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19398641)  
[Put your foot in the tank and then step on the gas](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19454775)  
[Try to make it to the triple underpass](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19400611)  
[Blackface singer, whiteface clown](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19544374)  
[Better not show your faces after the sun goes down](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19404232)  
Up in the red light district, they've got cop on the beat  
[Living in a nightmare on Elm Street](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19402204)  
[When you're down on Deep Ellum, put your money in your shoe](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19404271)  
[Don't ask what your country can do for you](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19399284)  
[Cash on the barrelhead, money to burn](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19487496)  
[Dealey Plaza, make a left-hand turn](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19420700)  
[I'm going down to the crossroads, gonna flag a ride](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19399314)  
The place where faith, hope, and charity died  
[Shoot him while he runs, boy, shoot him while you can  
See if you can shoot the invisible man](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19402433)  
[Goodbye, Charlie, goodbye, Uncle Sam](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19401931)  
[Frankly, Miss Scarlett, I don't give a damn](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19397502)  
[What is the truth, and where did it go?  
Ask Oswald and Ruby, they oughta know](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19397046)  
["Shut your mouth," said a wise old owl  
Business is business, and it's a murder most foul](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19410701)

[Verse 3]  
[Tommy, can you hear me? I'm the Acid Queen](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19398679)  
[I'm riding in a long, black Lincoln limousine](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19404331)  
[Ridin' in the back seat next to my wife  
Headed straight on in to the afterlife](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19404851)  
[I'm leaning to the left, I got my head in her lap](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19399860)  
Hold on, I've been led into some kind of a trap  
Where we ask no quarter, and no quarter do we give  
[We're right down the street, from the street where you live](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19409471)  
[They mutilated his body and they took out his brain](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19397773)  
[What more could they do? They piled on the pain](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19455639)  
[But his soul was not there where it was supposed to be at](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19467078)  
[For the last fifty years they've been searchin' for that](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19404821)  
[Freedom, oh freedom, freedom over me](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19399828)  
I hate to tell you, mister, but only dead men are free  
[Send me some lovin', then tell me no lie](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19399908)  
[Throw the gun in the gutter and walk on by](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19466776)  
[Wake up, little Susie, let's go for a drive  
Cross the Trinity River, let's keep hope alive](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19397099)  
Turn the radio on, don't touch the dials  
[Parkland Hospital, only six more miles](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19397160)  
[You got me dizzy, Miss Lizzy, you filled me with lead](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19396975)  
[That magic bullet of yours has gone to my head](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19425217)  
[I'm just a patsy like Patsy Cline](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19455666)  
[Never shot anyone from in front or behind](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19454874)  
[I've blood in my eye, got blood in my ear](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19401532)  
[I'm never gonna make it to the new frontier](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19399934)  
[Zapruder's film I seen night before  
Seen it thirty-three times, maybe more  
It's vile and deceitful, it's cruel and it's mean  
Ugliest thing that you ever have seen](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19400729)  
[They killed him once and they killed him twice  
Killed him like a human sacrifice](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19467191)  
The day that they killed him, someone said to me, "Son  
[The age of the Antichrist has just only begun"](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19398594)  
Air Force One comin' in through the gate  
[Johnson sworn in at 2:38](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19397898)  
[Let me know when you decide to throw in the towel](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19425296)  
It is what it is, and it's murder most foul

[Verse 4]  
[What's new, pussycat? What'd I say?](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19509992)  
I said the soul of a nation been torn away  
And it's beginning to go into a slow decay  
[And that it's thirty-six hours past Judgment Day](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19467350)  
[Wolfman Jack, he's speaking in tongues  
He's going on and on at the top of his lungs  
Play me a song, Mr. Wolfman Jack](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19397989)  
[Play it for me in my long Cadillac](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19404476)  
[Play me that "Only the Good Die Young"](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19402283)  
[Take me to the place Tom Dooley was hung](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19396627)  
[Play "St. James Infirmary" and the Court of King James](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19515046)  
[If you want to remember, you better write down the names](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19604138)  
[Play Etta James, too, play "I'd Rather Go Blind"](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19405607)  
[Play it for the man with the telepathic mind](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19596839)  
[Play](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19707625) John Lee Hooker, play "Scratch My Back"  
[Play it for that strip club owner named Jack](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19397846)  
[Guitar Slim going down slow](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19497244)  
[Play it for me and for Marilyn Monroe](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19397300)  
  
[Verse 5]  
[Play "Please Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood"](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19421505)  
Play it for the First Lady, she ain't feeling any good  
[Play Don Henley, play Glenn Frey  
Take it to the limit and let it go by](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19410529)  
[Play it for Carl Wilson, too](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19399413)  
[Looking far, far away down Gower Avenue](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19396886)  
Play "Tragedy", play "Twilight Time"  
[Take me back to Tulsa to the scene of the crime](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19399467)  
[Play another one and "Another One Bites the Dust"](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19398014)  
[Play "The Old Rugged Cross" and "In God We Trust"](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19407273)  
[Ride the pink horse down that long, lonesome road](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19432372)  
Stand there and wait for his head to explode  
[Play "Mystery Train" for Mr. Mystery](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19411998)  
The man who fell down dead like a rootless tree  
Play it for the reverend, play it for the pastor  
[Play it for the dog that got no master](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19410627)  
[Play Oscar Peterson, play Stan Getz](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19412706)  
[Play "Blue Sky," play Dickey Betts](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19401856)  
[Play Art Pepper, Thelonious Monk  
Charlie Parker and all that junk  
All that junk and "All That Jazz"](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19402294)  
[Play something for the Birdman of Alcatraz](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19402784)  
Play Buster Keaton, play Harold Lloyd  
[Play Bugsy Siegel, play Pretty Boy Floyd  
Play the numbers, play the odds](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19402832)  
[Play "Cry Me a River" for the Lord of the gods](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19436957)  
[Play Number nine, play Number six](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19453258)  
[Play it for Lindsey and Stevie Nicks](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19397913)  
[Play Nat King Cole, play "Nature Boy"](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19412763)  
[Play "Down in the Boondocks" for Terry Malloy](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19405310)  
Play "It Happened One Night" and "One Night of Sin"  
There's twelve million souls that are listening in  
[Play "Merchant of Venice", play "Merchants of Death"](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19405481)  
[Play "Stella by Starlight" for Lady Macbeth](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19400148)  
Don't worry, Mr. President, help's on the way  
[Your brothers are comin', there'll be hell to pay  
Brothers? What brothers? What's this about hell?](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19398009)  
[Tell them, "We're waiting, keep coming," we'll get them as well](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19405635)  
[Love Field is where his plane touched down  
But it never did get back up off the ground](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19397247)  
[Was a hard act to follow, second to none](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19454043)  
[They killed him on the altar of the rising sun](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19397679)  
[Play "Misty" for me and "That Old Devil Moon"](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19518054)  
[Play "Anything Goes" and "Memphis in June"](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19403599)  
[Play "Lonely at the Top" and "Lonely Are the Brave"](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19399951)  
[Play it for Houdini spinning around in his grave](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19398930)  
[Play Jelly Roll Morton, play "Lucille"](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19405492)  
[Play "Deep in a Dream", and play "Driving Wheel"](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19534843)  
[Play "Moonlight Sonata" in F-sharp](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19476124)  
[And "A Key to the Highway" for the king on the harp](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19400140)  
[Play "Marching Through Georgia" and "Dumbarton's Drums"](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19402748)  
Play "Darkness" and death will come when it comes  
[Play "Love Me or Leave Me" by the great Bud Powell](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19399273)  
[Play "The Blood-Stained Banner", play "Murder Most Foul"](https://genius.com/Bob-dylan-murder-most-foul-lyrics#note-19404497)