

# Long Arm Of The Law

## Kenny Rogers

In Cumberland Kentucky  
On a cool hot evening  
Billy lay in love with Marrienne  
She was a rich judge's daughter  
He was a son of a miner  
But that night their love was more than they could stand  
The judge said to his daughter  
That son of that coal miner  
Is someone you'll go hell to leave alone  
She knew his dad so well  
She knew she couldn't tell  
But the truth was bound in show before too long  
Their love had started growing on its own  
You can't out run the long arm of the law  
No, you can't out run the long arm of the law  
Billy placed his hand on Mary  
And he felt the baby's moving  
Kissed her and said I'll see you when I can  
The judge had made a promise  
When he caught up with Billy  
He'd sent him far away from Marianne  
The whole town knew he'd do it  
Too many times he'd proved it  
To at least a hundred men behind the wall  
He'd smiled behind that frown  
And when he brought that gavel down  
He called himself the long arm of the law  
And he'd set his mind on seeing Billy fall  
In a hot humid mine shack  
A mid-white pulled the sheet back  
And placed cool damp towel on Marianne  
Billy's eyes were wide with wonder  
From the spell he was under  
When she placed the new born baby in his hands  
He didn't hear the siren  
Just a baby's crying  
That miracle of love was all he saw  
When the door came crashing down  
And Billy turned around  
He felt the heart and soul inside him fall  
He stood face to face  
With the long arm of the law  
You can't out run the long arm of the law

No, you can't out run the long arm of the law  
You can hide out for a while  
He says with a smile  
But you can't out run the long arm of the law Seemed like everybody down in Cumberland  
Kentucky  
Came out that day to see poor Billy's trial  
The court was called to order  
There sat the judge's daughter  
She looked so proud  
Holding Billy's child  
When they brought Billy to him  
The judge just look right thru him  
As he held that Holy Bible in his hand  
And he smiled at his grandson  
Then his eyes cut back to Billy  
And said I think this time  
The law will understand  
Son, I sentence you to live with Marianne You can't out run the long arm of the law  
No, you can't out run the long arm of the law  
He said to Billy with a smile  
I know you hide out for a while  
Ah but you can't out run the long arm of the law  
No you can't out run the long arm of the law

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