

## Who killed Michael Taylor?

He was just sixteen years old  
when he was caught in a crime.  
No one knew it would be his last day  
or time.

Was Michael Taylor a bad seed,  
or was he just mis-led?  
It really doesn't matter does it  
because Michael Taylor is dead.

He stood there like a tourist in a  
snapshot.  
Was there a gun in his shoe,  
or was this a slap shot?  
Was this a picture of teenage  
emotional block-up,  
or just another trophy for the lockup?

Who killed Michael Taylor?  
Did he take his own life,  
or was it the jailer?

Mayor Hudnut called a meeting,  
he said it would be brief.  
Michael shot himself while  
handcuffed,  
according to Anee  
the police chief.  
They said that it happened  
upon the hill  
where they left him alone  
and he swallow the pill.

And no one really knew  
what to do it first,  
but with all the bad blood  
the people thought the worst.  
So they've marched with a coffin  
and they sang in the choir.  
They held a rally  
because the fat was in the fire.

Then a rookie held a circus  
to prove he could dis-joint,  
but everybody knew that wasn't the  
point.  
A young man has lost his life,

there are no alibis.  
How can you see the truth  
with mud in your eyes?

What really happened to Michael  
Taylor,  
was a shot and dumped at sea  
just like a sailor?  
Or was he too ashamed to face his  
mother,  
or did he try that outsmart the cops  
just to be a brother?

No matter by whose hand it's a  
tragedy.  
No matter by whose hand it's bad  
sociology:  
A Homicide or a suicide,  
a suicide or homicide...  
it's all the same,  
in this situation we're all to blame.

Look at it this way:  
Michael Taylor wasn't perfect  
and you know the police  
don't wear a crown,  
so how can we point of finger  
when we all that Michael Taylor  
down?

So tell me who killed Michael Taylor  
did he take his own life.  
or was it the jailer?

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death of Michael Taylor, September  
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