

**The Rebels of McAlester Misused the
Humble Saints of God
(Sung to Bobbie Gentry's Ode to
Billie Joe - Tallahatchie Bridge)**

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It was the third year of Jehokiam--
and the Babylonians came
The Jews were taken and their
treasures were all carried away
The men of Judah had done
Jeremiah the prophet wrong
They had ignored the holy laws--
made their sin and filthy ways so
strong
Just as he promised God avenged
himself with his holy rod
And then the rebels of McAlester
misused the humble saints of God

Ahab said to Jezebel—I really want
Naboth's vineyard please
Then they killed this man of God—
and caused God's wrath to
increase
The prophet Elijah—told them God
would kill them both and just how
Then they tried to take his life—just
like the Jews took Christ to the
hill's brow
Just as he promised God avenged
himself with his holy rod
And then the rebels of McAlester
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Officials of Topeka said, we're
gonna stop this picketing

They couldn't stand all the words—
that the prophets had to say and
sing
The judge and the prosecutor tried
to shut the servants down
Next thing you know—the judge is
dead and prosecutor's run out of
town
Just as he promised God avenged
himself with his holy rod
And then the rebels of McAlester
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Now years have come and gone
and the rebels of this land waxed
so much worse
Now God is killing all your
soldiers—and you wail and beat
your breasts behind their hearse
The faithful servants from Kansas
came to tell the Oklahomans to
obey
Madame Mayor came forth with her
gang of thugs—they're so full of
rage
Just as he promised God avenged
himself with his holy rod
Now your people are still dying—
don't misuse the humble saints of
God