Ten Duel Commandments lyrics

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Number one!

The challenge, demand satisfaction

If they apologize, no need for further action

Number two!

If they don't, grab a friend, that's your second

Your Lieutenant, when there's reckoning to be reckoned

Number three!

Have your seconds meet face to face

Negotiate a peace

Or negotiate a time and place

This is commonplace, 'specially 'tween recruits

Most disputes die and no one shoots

Number four!

If they don't reach a peace, that's alright

Time to get some pistols and a doctor on site

You pay him in advance, you treat him with civility

You have him turn around, so he can have deniability

Five!

Duel before the sun is in the sky

Pick a place to die where it's high and dry

Number six!

Leave a note for your next of kin

Tell 'em where you been

Pray that Hell or Heaven lets you in

Seven!

Confess your sins

Ready for the moment of adrenaline

When you finally face your opponent

Number eight!

Your last chance to negotiate

Send in your seconds

See if they can set the record straight

Alexander

Aaron Burr, sir

Can we agree that duels are dumb and immature?

Sure

But your man has to answer for his words, Burr

With his life?

We both know that's absurd, sir

Hang on, how many men died because Lee was inexperienced and ruinous?

Okay, so we're doing this

Number nine!

Look him in the eye, aim no higher

Summon all the courage you require

Then count

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Number (Ten paces!) Fire!