

132 THE NIGHT THEY DROVE OLD DIXIE DOWN

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INTRO: G C G

(The night they drove old Dixie down)

Em G C Em

Virgil Cain is my name and I drove on the Danville train,

G Em C Em

Till Stoneman's cavalry came and tore up the tracks again.

C G Em C

In the winter of '65, we were hungry, just barely alive

Em C G Em A A

By May the 10th Richmond, it fell. It was a time I remember oh so well.

CHORUS

G C G Em

The night they drove old Dixie down, and all the bells were ringin'

G C G Em

The night they drove old Dixie down, and all the people were singin', (they went)

G Em A C C

Naa na-na naa na-na, na-naa na-naa na-naa naa na-naa *(last chorus end G)*

Em G C Em

Back with my wife in Tennessee, when one day she said to me,

G Em C Em

"Virgil, quick come see, there goes the Robert E. Lee."

C Em G Em

Now I don't mind choppin' wood, and I don't care if the money's no good

C Em

You take what you need and you leave the rest,

G Em A A

But they should never have taken the very best.

Chorus then. . .

Em G C Em

Like my father before me, I'm a workin' man,

G Em C Em

And like my brother before me, I took a rebel stand.

C Em

Well, he was just eighteen, proud and brave

G Em

But a Yankee laid him in his grave,

C Em

I swear by the mud below my feet,

G Em A A

You can't raise a Cain back up when he's in defeat.

Chorus x 2