

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