

**Baez Joan****"The Night They Drove Old Dixi Down"**

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Virgil Caine is the name and I served on the Danville  
train,  
Till Stonemans Cavalry came an tore up the tracks  
again  
In the winter of sixty-five, we were hungry, just barely  
alive.  
By May the tenth Richmond had fell; Its a time I  
remember, oh, so well.

(CHORUS)

The night they drove old Dixi down  
And the bells were ringin;  
The night they drove old Dixi down  
And all the people were singin, they went:  
La la, la, la, la, la, la,  
La, la, la, la, la, la, la  
La, la, la.

Back with my wife in Tennessee when one day she  
called to me,  
"Virgil, quick! Come see! There goes Robert E. Lee!"  
Now I dont mind choppin wood and I dont care if the  
moneys no good,  
Ya take what ya need and ya leave the rest but they  
should never have taken the very best.

Like my father before me I will work the land  
Just like my brother above me, who took a Rebel stand;  
He was just eighteen, my proud and brave, but a  
Yankee laid him in his grave.  
I swear by the mud below my feet You cant raise a  
Caine back up when hes in defeat.

J. Robbie Robertson  
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the words in the text are either  
intentional or otherwise." Joan Baez

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