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"The Devil To Pay"

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In July 1863

A nation torn in tragedy

A trick of fate, two great armies merge

Gods of war at Gettysburg

Devastation lies ahead

Fifty thousand bodies litter the land

Hell rages three full days

The reaper sows, there's the devil to pay

The pressure's on and the rebs attack

The yanks must hold, they can't fall back

Just two brigades, two thousand strong

Against twenty thousand they can't hold long

General Reynolds makes his way

Expect no mercy from the iron brigade

Until he shows they're on their own

But Buford's men have a will of stone

Bayonets gleam in the morning sun

Smoke and fire belching from their guns

Another volley and again they strike

Thousands more coming down the Chambersburg Pike

This tragedy and what it brings all the devastation

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South of town down the Emmitsburg road

The first corps are starting to show

For Buford's men, they're here just in time

The desperate need to strengthen the line

Bodies dropping the blue and the gray

Muskets fire and the cannon blaze

The union fights defending the town
But they're outnumbered and losing ground

From the north and the west more rebels arrive
Thousands more and the fight multiplies
McPherson's ridge and the black hats strike
A rebel sharpshooter takes Reynolds life

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Attack, attack, general Lee gives command
They're overwhelmed, the situation demands
The federals retreat and rush out of town
But they have fortified and saved the high ground

The day ends, victory for the south
Lee's as convinced as God's will is profound
They are invincible and their cause is just
But long street is cautious and lacking in trust

Across the way the union digs in
The round tops, cemetery ridge and out to Culps Hill
Their lines are strong, no denying they'll stay
When the confederates strike there'll be the devil to pay

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