

## Johnny Cash

### "Big Battle"

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I think sir the battle is over and the young soldier laid  
down his gun  
I'm tired of running for cover I'm certain the battle is  
done  
For see over there where we fought them it's quiet for  
they've all gone away  
All left is the dead and the dying the Blue laying long  
side the Gray  
So you think the battle is over and you even lay down  
your gun  
You carelessly rise from your cover for you think the  
battle is done  
Now boy hit the dirt listen to me for I'm still the one in  
command  
Get flat on the ground here beside me and lay your ear  
hard to the sand  
Can you hear the deafening rumble can you feel the  
trembling ground  
It's not just the horses and wagons that make such a  
deafening sound  
For every shot fired had an echo and every man killed  
wanted life  
There lies your friend Jim McKenney can you take the  
news to his wife  
No son the battle's not over the battle has only begun  
The rest of the battle will cover the part that has  
blackened the sun  
The fight yet to come's not with cannon nor will the  
fight be hand to hand  
No one will regroup the forces no charge will a general  
command  
The battle will rage in the bosom of mother and  
sweetheart and wife  
Brother and sister and daughter will grieve for the rest  
of their lives  
Now go ahead rise from your cover be thankful that  
God let you live  
Go fight the rest of the battle for those who gave all  
they could give  
I see sir the battle's not over the battle has only begun  
The rest of the battle will cover this part that has

blackened the sun  
For though there's no sound of the cannon and though  
there's no smoke in the sky  
I'm dropping the gun and the sabre and ready for  
battle am I

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