

## Johnny Cash "God Bless Robert E. Lee"

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When Robert E. Lee surrendered the Confederacy  
Jefferson Davis was upset about it  
He said, "How dare that man resent an order  
Form the President of the Confederate States of  
America"

Then somebody told him that  
General Lee had made the decision himself  
In order to save lives because he felt that the battle  
comin' up  
Would cost about twenty thousand lives on both sides

And he said two hundred forty thousand dead already  
is enough  
So this song is not about the north or the south  
But about the bloody brother war  
Brother against brother, father against son, the war  
that nobody won

And for all those lives that were saved  
I gotta say God bless Robert E. Lee  
Well, the mansion where the General used to live is  
burning down  
Cotton fields are blue with Sherman's troops

I overheard a Yankee say yesterday Nashville fell  
So I'm on my way to join the fight General Lee might  
need my help  
But look away, look away, Dixie, I don't want them to  
see  
What they're doing to my Dixie, God bless Robert E. Lee

Sherman's troops burned Atlanta and the flames lit up  
the sky  
And those of us who survived it are watchin' my Dixie  
die  
But today at Appomattox General Lee sat down  
And surrendered to the Yankees and Ulysses S Grant

So look away, look away Dixie  
I won't ever stop loving you, my Dixie, till they put me in  
the ground

And the last words they probably  
Hear from me are God bless Robert E. Lee

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