

## **Charlie Daniels Band**

# **"The Devil Comes Back to Georgia"**

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Performers: Mark O'Connor with Charlie Daniels

Featuring: Johnny Cash, Marty Stuart and Travis Tritt

Album: Heroes

Words and music: Crain, Daniels, Digregorio, Edwards, Hayward, Kott,

Marshall, O'Connor, Spicher, Story, Stuart

It's been ten long years since the devil laid his fiddle at Johnny's feet

And it burned inside his mind the way he suffered that defeat

In the darkest pits of hell the devil hatched an evil plan  
To tempt the fiddle player for he's just a mortal man

"The sin of pride," the devil cried is what will do you in  
"I thought we had this settled, I'm the best there's ever been."

Johnny did you ever know that time keeps marching on  
The coldest hour is the one comes just before the dawn  
The devil's back in Georgia will you stand up to the test  
Or will you let the devil be the best?

"In truth I haven't played much since the baby came in  
June

But give me half a minute an' I'll get this fiddle back in  
tune"

The devil grabbed the golden fiddle out of Johnny's  
hand and said

"Though I'm the fiddle player underground and I walk  
upon the land"

"Y'all just better be just turnin' back if you want this boy  
to win

'Cos practice is the only cure for the predicament he's  
in"

"Now devil it would be a sin for you to get my bow

You go on back to hell and to the wood shed I will go"

Johnny are you practising or will your hands grow cold?  
The devil walks the land and plays a fiddle made of  
gold  
Can you hear the babe a crying, will he ever know  
The devil wants his daddy's very soul?

"Before we play I want to thank you for letting God's  
own Word ring true  
He said you can't be trusted" "Yes but what you gonna  
do?"  
"Well you get your fiddle devil if you think that you can  
win  
'Cos I beat you once you old dog and I can whip your  
butt again"

John Brown's green, the devil is red  
Mama's little baby loves shortnin' bread  
The devil's dream is that he can win  
But Johnny is the best that's ever been

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