

Corey Smith "Goodbye Dixie"

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Passed an old plantation home off Hwy. 41
Been around since 1850, way before the Union come
Built up on a hill, it's got a 500-acre view
But there ain't been no cotton there since Sherman's
boys marched through
They've come and burned us down
Guess we had it comin'

(Whistling Dixie)

Jumped out of my pickup truck, there was something in
the wind
Filled my soul with empty and sent a chill across my
skin
Heard the ghost of a black man hollerin' "Blue" across
the field
He said "they sold my only daughter to keep that
mansion on a hill"
And I wanted to burn it down
Aww, but it wouldn't do no good

I cried Goodbye Dixie, go rest in peace
We've got enough trouble here without you haunting
me
We buried that cross now we're looking ahead
So go on Dixie don't bother me, I'm tryin' to forget

Drove up to the courthouse that holds the county seat
I walked underneath the poplar trees, casting shadows
on Main Street
I read the old bronze marker I'd seen many times
before
And after all these years I learned what those branches
were for
They used to hang 'em here, back in the days of ole Jim
Crowe

A black man I knew from high school came walkin' out
in chains
He used to make me laugh, but now his eyes were
filled with pain
He got busted sellin' rock down there on MLK

So the county came and locked him up and took his
kids away
Oh, he used to seem alright to me
Man, I wonder what went wrong

I cried Goodbye Dixie, go rest in peace
We've got enough trouble here without you haunting
me
We buried that cross now I'm looking ahead
So go on Dixie don't bother me, I'm tryin' to forget

Way down yonder in the land of cotton, oh how times
have changed
But I wonder if the truth is marching on
It's hard to be a Southern man and learn your history
Cause it all comes back and hits you close to home

I cried Goodbye Dixie, go rest in peace
We've got enough trouble here without you haunting
me
We buried that cross now I'm trying to make a dime
So go on Dixie don't bother me,
So go on Dixie don't bother me,
So go on Dixie don't bother me,
Because I ain't got the time

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