

The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down

- written by Robbie Robertson of The Band in 1969

- Joan Baez 1971

Intro: G C G Em (1st line of chorus)

**(EM) Virgil (G) Caine is the name, and I (C) served on the Danville (EM) train
(G) Til so much (EM) cavalry came, and (C) tore up the tracks (EM) again.
(C) In the winter of (G) '65, we were (EM) hungry, just (G) barely alive.
(EM) I took the train to (C) Richmond that fell, it's a (G) time I (EM) remember, oh
so (A) well.**

Chorus

***The (G) night they (C) drove old Dixie (G) down, and the (EM) bells were ringing,
The (G) night they (C) drove old Dixie (G) down, and the (EM) people were singin',
They went (G) La, La, La, La, (EM) La, (AM) La, La, La, (C) La, La, La.***

**(EM) Back with my wife in (G) Tennessee, when (C) one day she said to (EM) me
(G) "Virgil, (EM) quick, come see, (C) there goes Robert E. (EM) Lee!"
(C) Now I don't mind 'em (G) choppin' wood, and I (EM) don't care if the (G)
money's no good,
Ya (C) take what ya need, and ya (EM) leave the rest,
but they should (G) never have (EM) taken the very (A) best.**

Chorus

**(EM) Like my father (G) before me, (C) I'm a workin' (EM) man
(G) Like my brother (EM) before me, (C) I took a rebel (EM) stand
He was (C) just eighteen, (EM) proud and brave, but a (G) Yankee laid him (EM) in
his grave
I (C) swear by the blood (EM) below my feet,
you can't (G) raise a Caine back (EM) up when it's in (A) defeat.**

Chorus (slow at end)