

The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down

By Joan Baez & The Band

Capo 2nd

Key: C

[Intro] Am C Am C

Am C F Am

Virgil Caine is my name, and I drove on the Danville train

C Am F Am

'Til Stoneman's cavalry came, and tore up the tracks again.

F C Am F

In the winter of '65, we were hungry, just barely alive.

Am F C Am D

I took the train to Richmond, it fell, it was a time I remember, oh so well,

C F C Am

The night they drove old Dixie down, all the bells were ringing,

C F C Am

The night they drove old Dixie down, all the people were singin'. They went

C Am D F

La, La, La, La, La, La, La, La, La, La, La, La

Am C Am C

Am C F Am

Back with my wife in Tennessee, when one day she said to me

C Am F Am

"Virgil, quick, come see, there goes Robert E. Lee!"

F Am C Am

Now I don't mind' choppin' wood, and I don't care if the money's no good.

F Am

Ya take what ya need, and leave the rest,

C Am D

but they should never have taken the very best.

C F C Am
The night they drove old Dixie down, all the bells were ringing,
C F C Am
The night they drove old Dixie down, all the people were singin'. They went
C Am D F
La, La, La, La, La, La, La, La, La, La, La, La

Am C Am C

Am C F Am
Like my father before me, I'm a workin' man
C Am F Am
Like my brother before me, I took a rebel stand.
F Am C Am
He was just eighteen, proud and brave, but a Yankee laid him in his grave
F Am
I swear by the blood below my feet,
C Am D
you can't raise the cane back up when it's in the seed.

C F C Am
The night they drove old Dixie down, all the bells were ringing,
C F C Am
The night they drove old Dixie down, all the people were singin'. They went
C Am D F
La, La, La, La, La, La, La, La, La, La, La, La

[outro]

C Am C Am C Am (to a single strum) **C**