

Today In Charlottesville
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[Intoroduction]

Dm C Dm G
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[Verse 1]

Dm **C** **G**
There was a massacre in church that got certain forces moving
Dm **C** **G**
Many towns are now at least superficially improving
Dm **C**
Such as in Virginia, where a statue of General Lee
Dm **G**
Stands as a reminder of the days of slavery
Dm **C**
In the city center, an indelible mark
Dm **G**
In the spot that s been renamed Emancipation Park
Dm **C** **G**
Slated for removal, when a judge intervened
Dm **C** **G**
Which might be the moment that most fully set the scene

[Chorus]

Dm **C**
(For) 19 injured, one killed
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[Verse 2]

Dm **C** **G**
With their man in the White House, members of the Right
Dm **C** **G**
Marched through the university, torches alight
Dm **C**
Chanting against immigrants, Africans and Jews
Dm **G**
But it s not the flying bottles that put them in the news
Dm **C**
So much as the bigot in the car, revving his engine loud
Dm **G**
Speeding forward and then back, running down the crowd
Dm **C** **G**
Using the same tactic promoted by Islamic State
Dm **C** **G**

Maybe he was even shouting "God is great".

[Chorus]

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[Verse 3]

Dm **C** **G**
More than half the city used to be in chains
Dm **C** **G**
Now their descendants who still remain
Dm **C**
Are being forced to leave by gentrification
Dm **G**
Just like poor white folks all across the nation
Dm **C**
And with the presidential tweets and xenophobic rants
Dm **G**
It s just a matter of time before some pawn takes the chance
Dm **C** **G**
To plow into a march with half a ton of steel
Dm **G**
This is not fake news -- it s real

[Chorus]

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