

The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down
Johnny Cash

Bm D G Bm D
Virgil Cain is my name, and I served on the Danville train
Bm G Bm G
Till Stonewall s cavalry came, and tore up the tracks again
D Bm G Bm
In the winter of 65, we were hungry, just barely alive
G
By May 10th, Richmond had fell
D Bm E
And it s a time, I remember oh so well.

D Bm G D
The Night, They Drove Old Dixie Down
Bm
And all the bells were ringin
D Bm G D
The Night, They Drove Old Dixie Down
Bm
And all the people were singing they went
D Bm E G D C# B A D D C# B A
Na na na na na na na na na na na na na na na.

Bm D G Bm D
Back with my wife in Tennessee, when one day, she called to me
Bm G Bm G
Virgil, quick come see, Virgil there goes the Robert E. Lee
D
Now I don t mind choppin wood
Bm G
And I don t care if the money s no good
Bm G
Just take what you need and you leave the rest
D Bm E
But they never should have taken, the very best.

Chorus:

Bm D G Bm D
Like my father before me, I will work the land
Bm G Bm
And like my brother above me, he took a rebel stand
G D
He was just 18 proud and brave
Bm G
And a Yankee, laid him in his grave
Bm G
I swear my the mud below my feet

D

Bm

E

You can't raise the king back up when he's in defeat.

Chorus: