

The night they drove old Dixie down

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1. Virgil Caine is my name and I drove on the Danville train
,til so much cavalry came and tore up the tracks again
In the winter of ,65, we were hungry, just barely alive
I took the train to Richmond that fell
it was a time I remember, oh so well

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The night they drove old Dixie down and all the people were singin'
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2. Back with my wife in Tennessee and one day she said to me
„Virgil, quick, come see, there goes Robert E. Lee“
Now, I don't mind, I'm chopping wood
and I don't care if the money's no good
Just take what you need and leave the rest
but they should never have taken the very best

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3. Like my father before me, I'm a workin' man
and like my brother before me, I took a rebel stand
Well, he was just eighteen, proud and brave
but a yankee laid him in his grave
I swear by the blood below my feet
you can't raise the Cain back up when it's in defeat

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