

# The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down

The Band 1969 Joan Baez 1971

Each chord 4 beats unless otherwise noted

**Am** **C** **F** **Am**  
Virgil Caine is the name, and I served on the Danville train  
**C** **Am** **F** **Am**  
'Til Stoneman's cavalry came, and they 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** **D**  
By May the 10<sup>th</sup>, Richmond had fell; it's a time I remember oh, so well.

## CHORUS

**C** **Am//** **F//** **C** **Am**  
The night they drove old Dixie down, when all the bells were ringin'  
**C** **Am//** **F//** **C** **Am**  
The night they drove old Dixie down, and all the people were singin'  
**C** **Am** **D** **F** **F**  
They went "Na...na-na-na-na-na Na-na-na-na-na Na-na-na...na."  
**C** **C** **C** **C** or: (C- B - A - G, C - B - A - G)

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

## CHORUS

**Am**                                    **C**            **F**                                    **Am**  
 Like my father before me, ... I will work the land,  
**C**    **Am**            **F**                                    **Am**  
 And like my brother above me,            who took a rebel stand.  
                                  **F**            **C**    **Am**                                    **F**  
 He was just 18, proud and brave, but a Yankee laid him in his grave.  
                                  **Am**    **F**  
 I swear by the mud below my feet,  
                                  **C**    **Am**    **D**            **D**  
 You can't raise a Caine back up when he's in defeat.

**C**    **Am//**            **F//**            **C**    **Am**  
 The night they drove old Dixie down, when all the bells were ringin'  
                                  **C**    **Am//**            **F//**            **C**    **Am**  
 The night they drove old Dixie down, and all the people were singin'  
                                  **C**    **Am**    **D**    **F**    **F**            **Am/**  
 They went "Na...na-na-na-na-na    Na-na-na-na-na    Na-na-na...na."