

# The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down Chords by Joan Baez

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Joan Baez 1971 (The Band, R. Robinson)

Capo I

**Am C 2x C Am**

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

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

**Am C Am C 2x C Am**

**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, and all the bells were ringing,

C F C Am

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

C Am D F  
La, La

Am C Am C 2x C Am

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, and all the bells were ringing,

C F C Am

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

C Am D F  
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