

Buck Owens, The Night They Drove Old Dixie Do

Virgil Cane is my name and I served on the Denville train
Till Stoneman's calvary came and tore up the tracks again
In the winter of '65 we were hungry, just barely alive
I made 10th to Richmond that fell
It was the time that I remember, oh so well.

The night they drove old Dixie down
And all the bells were ringing
The night they drove old Dixie down
And all the people were singing.
They went la la la la la.

--- Instrumental ---

Back with my wife in Tennessee
Well, one day she called to me
Virgil quick come see that
There goes Robert E. Lee.

Now, I don't mind choppin' wood
And I don't care if the money's no good
You take what you need and leave the rest
But they should never have taken the very best.

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And all the bells were ringing
The night they drove old Dixie down
And all the people were singing.
They went la la la la la.

--- Instrumental ---

Like my father before me
I'm a working man
And like my brother that'll love me
He took the rebel stand.

But he was just eighteen, proud and brave
And a yankee laid him in his grave.

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