The Band, The Shape Im In

Virgil Caine is the name, and I served on the Danville train, 'Til Stoneman's cavalry came and tore up the tracks again.

In the winter of '65, We were hungry, just barely alive.

By May the tenth, Richmond had fell, it's a time I remember, oh so well, (Chorus)

The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down, and the bells were ringing,

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Back with my wife in Tennessee, When one day she called to me,

" Virgil, quick, come see, there goes Robert E. Lee! "

Now I don't mind choppin' wood, and I don't care if the money's no good.

Ya take what ya need and ya leave the rest,

But they should never have taken the very best. (Chorus)

Like my father before me, I will work the land,

Like my brother above me, who took a rebel stand.

He was just eighteen, proud and brave, But a Yankee laid him in his grave,

I swear by the mud below my feet,

You can't raise a Caine back up when he's in defeat. (Chorus and fade)