THE NIGHT THEY DROVE OLD DIXIE DOWN

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-Robbie Robertson

Intro:

Virgil Caine is my name, and I served on the Danville train

'Til Stoneman’s cavalry came, and tore up the tracks a-gain

In the winter of ’65, we were hungry, just barely alive

By May the tenth, Richmond had fell, it’s a time I re-member, oh, so well

Refrain:

The night they drove old Dixie down, and the bells were ringin'

The night they drove old Dixie down, and the people were singin'

They went, "La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la"

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

"Virgil, quick! Come see! There goes the Robert E. Lee."
Now I don't mind chopping wood, and I don't care if the money's no good
You take what you need and you leave the rest, but they should never have taken the very best

REFRAIN

Like my father be-fore me, I will work the land
And like my brother a-bove 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 be-low my feet, you can't raise a Caine back up when he's in de-feat

The night they drove old Dixie down, and the bells were ringin'
The night they drove old Dixie down, and all the people were singin'
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F    Dm   Bb   Dm
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Bb   F    Dm   Bb
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Dm   Bb   F    Dm   G
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F   Dm   Bb   F   Dm
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F   Dm   G   Bb      [F  Am  Dm  C] (X2)
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