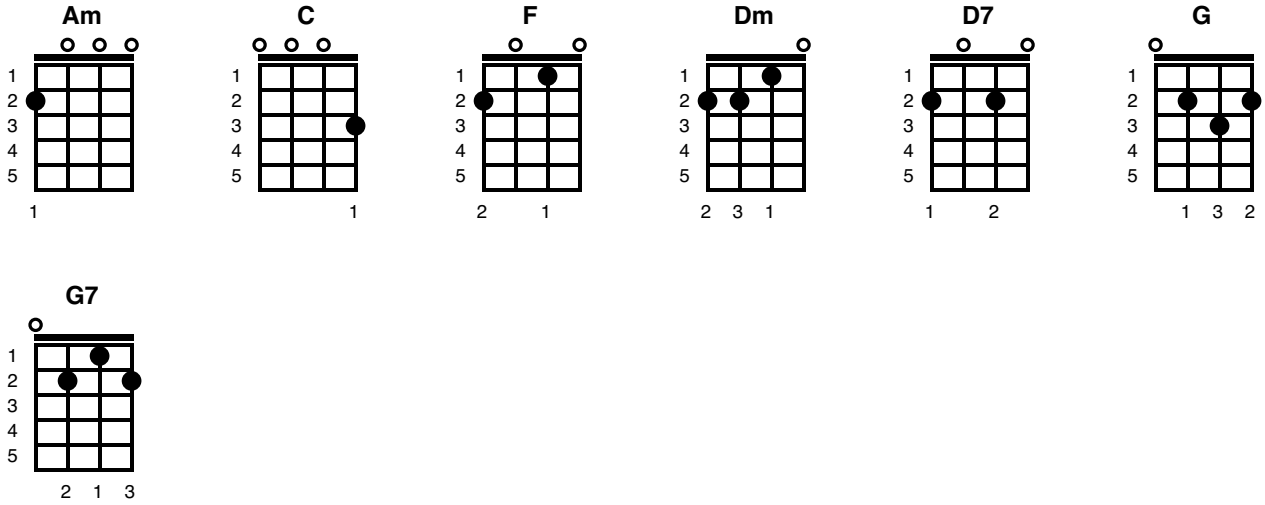
The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down

Key of Am

The Band / Joan Baez



Am C F Dm
Virgil Cain is my name and I served on the Danville train,
Am C F Dm
Till Stoneman's cavalry came and tore up the tracks again.
Am F C F
In the winter of sixty-five we were hungry, just barely alive.
Am F
By May the tenth, Richmond had fell.
C D7 G G7
It was a time I remember oh so well,

C F C
The night they drove old Dixie down,
Am F
And all the bells were ringing.
C F C
The night they drove old Dixie down,

Am F
And all the people were singing. They went
C Am G F F
"Na na na, na na na , na na na na na , na na na na"

Am C F Dm
Back with my wife in Tennessee, when one day she called to me
Am C F Dm
"Virgil, quick! Come see! There goes Robert E. Lee!"
Am F
Now I don't mind I'm chopping wood,
C F
And I don't care if the money's no good.
Am F
Just take what you need and leave the rest,
Am D7 G G7
But they should never have taken the very best

C F C
The night they drove old Dixie down
Am F
And all the bells were ringing
C F C
The night they drove old Dixie down
Am F
And all the people were singing. They went
C Am G F F
"Na na na, na na na, na na na na na , na na na na"

Am C F Dm
Like my father before me, I am a workin man
Am C F Dm
And like my brother before me, I took a rebel stand.
Am F
Oh, he was just eighteen, proud and brave,
Am F
But a Yankee laid him in his grave.
Am C
I swear by the mud below my feet,

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            Am                  D7                  G
You can't raise a Cane back up when he's in defeat


     C          F                C
The night they drove old Dixie down
              Am         F
And all the bells were ringing
     C          F                C
The night they drove old Dixie down
              Am           F
And all the people were singing. They went
C                 Am        G                  F             F
    "Na na na,  na na na ,  na na na na na , na na na na
C                 Am        G                  F             F   C
    "Na na na,   na na na,  na na na na na , na na na na
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