

Dixieland

[Steve Earle/Del McCoury](#)

I am Kilrain and I'm a fightin' man
And I come from County Clare
And the Brits would hang me for a Fenian
So I took my leave there And I crossed the ocean in the "Arrianne"
The vilest tub afloat
And the captain's brother was a railroad man
And he met us at the boat So I joined up with the 20th Maine
Like I said my friend I'm a fighting man
And we're marchin' south in the pouring rain
And we're all goin' down to Dixieland I am Kilrain of the 20th Maine
And I fight for the Chamberlain
Cause he stood right with us when the Johnnies came
Like a banshee on the wind When the smoke cleared out over Gettysburg
Many a mother wept
For many a good boy died there, sure
And the air smelted just like death And I am Kilrain of the 20th Maine
And I'd march to hell and back again
For Colonel Joshua Chamberlain
And we're all goin' down to Dixieland And I am Kilrain of the 20th Maine
And I damn all gentlemen
Whose only worth is their father's name
And the sweat of a workin' man Well, we come from the farms
And the city streets and a hundred foreign lands
And we spilled our blood in the battle's heat
Now, we're all Americans I am Kilrain of the 20th Maine
And did I tell you friend I'm a fightin' man
And I'll not be back this way again
'Cause we're all goin' down to Dixieland

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