

# The Big Battle

## Johnny Cash

I think sir the battle is over  
And the young soldier laid down his gun  
I'm tired of running for cover  
I'm certain the battle is done Or see over there where we fought them  
It's quiet for they've all gone away  
All left is the dead and the dying  
The blue lying alongside the gray So you think the battle is over  
And you even lay down your gun  
You carelessly rise from you cover  
For you think the battle is done Now boy hit the dirt listen to me  
For I'm still the one in command  
Get flat on the ground here beside me  
And lay your ear hard to the sand Can you hear the deafening rumble?  
Can you feel the trembling ground?  
It's not just the horses and wagons  
That make such a deafening sound For every shot fired had an echo  
And every man killed wanted life  
There lies your friend Jim McCany  
Can you take the news to his wife No son the battle's not over  
The battle has only begun  
The rest of the battle will cover  
The part that has blackened the sun The fight yet to come's not with cannon  
Nor will the fight be hand to hand  
No one will regroup the forces  
No charge will a general command The battle will rage in the bosom  
Of mother and sweetheart and wife  
Brother and sister and daughter  
Will grieve for the rest of their lives Now go ahead rise from your cover  
Be thankful that God let you live  
Go fight the rest of the battle  
For those who gave all they could give I see sir the battle's not over  
The battle has only begun  
The rest of this battle will cover  
This part that has blackened the sun For though there's no sound of the cannon  
And though there's no smoke in he sky  
I'm dropping the gun and the saber  
And ready for the battle am I

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