

# Goodbye Dixie

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Passed an old plantation home off Hwy. 41  
Been around since 1850, way before the Union come  
Built up on a hill, its got a 500-acre view  
But there ain't been no cotton there since Sherman's boys marched through  
They've come and burned us down  
Guess we had it comin'  
Jumped out of my pickup truck, there was something in the wind  
Filled my soul with empty and sent a chill across my skin  
Heard the ghost of a black man hollerin' "Blue" across the field  
He said "they sold my only daughter to keep that mansion on a hill"  
And I wanted to burn it down  
Aww, but it wouldn't do no good  
I cried Goodbye Dixie, go rest in peace  
We've got enough trouble here without you haunting me  
We buried that cross now we're looking ahead  
So go on Dixie don't bother me, I'm tryin' to forget  
Drove up to the courthouse that holds the county seat  
I walked underneath the poplar trees, casting shadows on Main Street  
I read the old bronze marker I'd seen many times before  
And after all these years I learned what those branches were for  
They used to hang 'em here, back in the days of ole Jim Crowe  
  
A black man I knew from high school came walkin' out in chains  
He used to make me laugh, but now his eyes were filled with pain  
He got busted sellin' rock down there on MLK  
So the county came and locked him up and took his kids away  
Oh, he used to seem alright to me  
Man, I wonder what went wrong  
I cried Goodbye Dixie, go rest in peace  
We've got enough trouble here without you haunting me  
We buried that cross now I'm looking ahead  
So go on Dixie don't bother me, I'm tryin' to forget  
Way down yonder in the land of cotton, oh how times have changed  
But I wonder if the truth is marching on  
Its hard to be a Southern man and learn your history  
Cause it all comes back and hits you close to home  
I cried Goodbye Dixie, go rest in peace  
We've got enough trouble here without you haunting me  
We buried that cross now I'm trying to make a dime

So go on Dixie don't bother me,  
So go on Dixie don't bother me,  
So go on Dixie don't bother me,  
Because I ain't got the time

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