Southern Anthem

Iron & Wine

Just like the way that you ran to wine When they made the new milk turn Jesus a friend in the better times Let your mother's Bible burn Freedom a fever you suffered through And the dog drank from your cup Frozen the river that baptized you And the horse died standing upBut when a southern anthem rings She will buckle to that sound When that southern anthem sings It will lay her burdens downJust like the way that you lost your guns When they cut the clothesline loose Jesus a friend of the weaker ones Said "I'm all they stole from you" Freedom a thistle that withered dry Still a baby in your hands Frozen the ground refused to die And the guitar rose againBut when a southern anthem rings She will buckle to that sound When that southern anthem sings It will lay her burdens down

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