

Johnny Cash, God Bless Robert Elee

When Robert E Lee surrendered the Confederacy
Jefferson Davis was upset about it
He said how dare that man resent an order
From the president of the Confederate States of America
Then somebody told him that General Lee had made the decision himself

In order to save lives because he felt that the battle comin' up
Would cost about 20 000 lives on both sides
And he said 240 000 dead already is enough
So this song is not about the North or the South but about the bloody brother war
Brother against brother father against son the war that nobody won

And for all those lives that were saved I gotta say God bless Robert E Lee
Well the mansion where the General used to live is burning down

Cottonfields are blue with Sherman's troupes
I overheard a yankee say yesterday Nashville fell
So I'm on my way to join the fight General Lee might need my help
But look away look away Dixie I don't want them to see
What they're doing to my Dixie God bless Robert E Lee

Sherman's troupes burned Atlanta and the flames lit up the sky
And those of us who survived it are watchin' my Dixie die
But today at Appamattox General Lee sat down
And surrendered to the yankees and Ulysees S Grant
So look away look away Dixie...

I won't ever stop loving you my Dixie till they put me in the ground
And the last words they probably hear from me are God bless Robert E Lee