

The American Civil War

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Verse #1

How did the Civil War become a U.S. tragedy
Where more men's lives were lost than any war in history
The South with their plantations said to have slaves was a must
The North felt slavery defied the law and wasn't just

Chorus

This war between the states, a war like none before
This war between the states, the American Civil War

Verse #2

Our country was divided with half slave states and half free
The North was called the Union and the South, Confederacy
Seceding from the Union was the southern states' plan
But Lincoln said, "A house divided against itself can't stand."

Chorus

Verse #3

In 1861 the *blue* and *gray* fought at Bull Run
It showed both sides that this war would not easily be won
With endless marching, muddy camps, bad food, and many dead
And brother fighting brother...four long years of bloodshed

Chorus

Verse #4

Then General Robert Lee surrendered to Ulysses Grant
The South was so destroyed "hardly a fence was left" to stand
Now slavery had ended and life known the Southern way
The Union was cemented; what a bitter price to pay

Chorus

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