

# "THE DEVIL WENT DOWN TO GEORGIA" THE CHARLIE DANIELS BAND

As heard on **MILLION MILE REFLECTIONS** (EPIC)

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Dm C Bb A5 G A D5 C5 Gm A D5 F Em Am D Em C Dsus2 Cadd2

**A** Intro (0:00, 1:05)

Fast ♩ = 268

1

Gr. 2 (fiddle arranged for elec. gtr. w/dist.)

Gr. 1 (elec. w/dist.) (repeat previous bar)

Bass

\* repeat previous chord

2nd time, skip ahead to **B** 2nd Verse

**2. The**

6

Dm C Bb A5 G A Dm A5 C5 Dm

**1. The**

11

C5 A5 D5 trem. pick 1 1/2

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**B** 1st and 2nd Verses (0:15, 1:12)

(1.) devil went down to Georgia he was lookin' for a soul to steal He was in a  
 guess you didn't know it but I'm a fiddle player too and

(2.) devil opened up his case and he said "I'll start this show" and fire

N.C.(Dm)

Gtr. 1 substitutes Rhy. Fill 1 simile on repeats (see bar 34)

18

\* piano arr. for gtr.

Bass  
 Bass Fill 1

(let ring next eight bars)  
 end Bass Fill 1

bind 'cause he was way behind He was willin' to make a deal when he  
 if you'd care to take a dare I'll make a bet with you Now you  
 flew from his fingertips as he rosined up his bow And he

22

came across this young man sawin' on a fiddle and playin' it hot And the  
 play a pretty good fiddle boy but give the devil his due I bet a  
 pulled the bow across the strings and it made an evil hiss Then a

26

Gtr. 2 plays Fill 1 second time (see below)

3rd time, skip ahead to **D** Interlude

devil jumped up on a hickory stump and said "Boy let me tell you what I  
 fiddle of gold against your soul 'cause I think I'm better than you" The  
 band of demons joined in and it sounded somethin' like this

30

boy said "My name's Johnny and it might be a sin but I'll

D5

Gtr. 1

34

Bass plays Bass Fill 1 (see bar 18)

Fill 1 (1:22)

\* piano string gliss. arr. for gtr.

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take your bet you're gonna regret 'cause I'm the best that's ever been"

38 *Gr. I* *end Rhy. Fill 1* *N.C.*

## C 1st Chorus (0:50)

Johnny rosin up your bow and play your fiddle hard 'cause  
Dm C

42 *light P.M.*

hell's broke loose in Georgia and the devil deals the cards And  
Gm Dm

46

if you win you get this shiny fiddle made of gold But  
Gm

50 *light P.M.*



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74

Gtr. 2

F Em Dm

w/pick and fingers

Bass

78

Gm Am Bb C

Gtr. 2

Gtr. 1

Bass

(end half-time feel)

82

D5 C5 A5 D5

trem. pick 1/2

When the

Bass

**F** 3rd Verse (2:02)

devil finished Johnny said "Well you're pretty good old son but  
N.C.(D5)

90

Gtr. 1

\* piano arr. for gtr.

Bass



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Granny does your dog bite No child no

C Dm C

110

end Bass Fig. 2

**H** Johnny's Fiddle Solo (2:24)

Dsus2 Cadd2 1., 2. 3.

Gtr. 2

114

Gtr. 1  
Rhy. Fig. 3  
let ring

end Rhy. Fig. 3

Bass  
Bass Fig. 3

end Bass Fig. 3

A5

119

end Bass Fig. 3



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**K** (3:12)

Dsus2

Gr. 1 plays Rhy. Fig. 3 two and one half times (see bar 114)

1., 2.

Cadd2

149

Bass plays Bass Fig. 3 two and one half times simile (see bar 114)

**L** Outro (3:21)

3. N.C.  
Gr. 2

153