The Battle of New Orleans

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Performed by Johnny Horton

(original key = A)

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In 1814 we took a little trip,
Along with Colonel Jackson down the mighty Mississip’.
We took a little bacon and we took a little beans
And we caught the bloody British in a town in New Orleans.

CHORUS:
We fired our guns and the British kept a comin’
There wasn’t nigh as many as there was a while ago
We fired once more and they began to runnin’
On down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico

We looked down the river and we see’d the British come
And there musta been a hundred of ‘em beatin’ on the drum
They stepped so high and they made their bugles ring
We stood beside our cotton bales and didn’t say a thing

CHORUS:

Old Hick’ry said we could take ‘em by surprise
If we didn’t fire our musket ‘til we looked ‘em in the eyes
We held our fire ‘til we see’d their faces well
Then we opened up our squirrel guns and really gave em…well…
CHORUS:

C
Yeah, they ran through the briars and they ran through the brambles
G7
And they ran through the bushes where a rabbit couldn't go
C
They ran so fast that the hounds couldn't catch 'em
G7
C
C
On down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico

C F
We fired our cannon 'til the barrel melted down
G7 C
So we grabbed an alligator and we fought another round
F
We filled his head with cannon balls and powdered his behind
G7 C
And when we touched the powder off, the 'gator lost his mind!

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