

BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS Jimmy Driftwood 1936  
 (Johnny Horton's reworked version, a 1959 hit)

Jimmy Driftwood, a teacher & principal in Arkansas, set his lyrics to the fiddle tune "8th of January" to encourage a passion for history in his students. This Grammy award-winning singer & songwriter (he also penned "Tennessee Stud") performed at Carnegie Hall & for Nikita Khrushchev during the Soviet leader's USA visit, was a National Geographic Society folk musicologist, & an environmentalist.

**Intro:** 1,2,3,4 1,2,3,4 G//// C//// D7//// G//// Chord= 4 beats unless noted

G C  
 In 1814 we took a little trip,  
 D7 G  
 Along with Col. Jackson down the mighty Mississip.  
 G C  
 We took a little bacon & we took a little beans,  
 D7 G  
 And we fought the bloody British in the town of New Orleans.

G//// ////  
**CHORUS:** We fired our guns & the British kept a'comin'.  
 G G/ D7/ G//  
 There wasn't nigh as many as there was a while ago.  
 G//// ////  
 We fired once more, & they began to runnin'.  
 G//// G/ D7/ G//// ////  
 On down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico.

G C  
 We looked down the river & we see'd the British come,  
 D7 G  
 There must been a hundred of 'em beatin' on the drum.  
 G C  
 They stepped so high & they made their bugles ring;  
 D7 G  
 We stood behind our cotton bales & didn't say a thing. (tight to **CHORUS**)

