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**ENRICHMENT**

# “THE BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS”

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY JIMMY DRIFTWOOD

## CHAPTER 7

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 the town of New Orleans.

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 seed the British come  
And there must have been a hundred of 'em beatin' on the drum.  
They stepped so high and they made their bugles ring.  
We stood behind our cotton bales and didn't say a thing.

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We fired once more and they began to runnin'.  
On down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico.

Old Hickory said we could take 'em by surprise  
If we didn't fire our muskets till we looked 'em in the eyes.  
We held our fire till we seed their faces well  
Then we opened up our squirrel guns and gave 'em.

Well . . . 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.

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

We fired our cannon till the barrel melted down,  
So we grabbed an alligator and we fought another round.  
We filled his head with cannonballs 'n' powdered his behind,  
And when we touched the powder off, the 'gator lost his mind.

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On down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico.