The Battle of New Orleans

Written by Jimmy Driftwood, a school principal in Arkansas and made famous by Johnny Horton, 1959

INTRO:

VERSE 1
G C
In 1814 we took a little trip
D7 G
A-long with Colonel Jackson down the mighty Mississip'
C
We took a little bacon and we took a little beans
D7 G
And we caught the bloody British in the town of New Orleans

CHORUS:
G
We fired our guns and the British kept a-comin'
D7 G
There wasn't nigh' as many as there was a while ago
We fired once more and they began to runnin'
D7 G
On down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexi-co

VERSE 2
G C
We looked down the river and we see'd the British come
D7 G
And there must-a been a hundred of 'em beatin' on the drum
C
They stepped so high and they made their bugles ring
D7 G
We stood behind our cotton bales and didn't say a thing

CHORUS:

VERSE 3
G C
Old Hickory said, "We could take 'em by surprise
D7 G
If we didn't fire our muskets 'til we looked 'em in the eyes"
C
We held our fire 'til we see'd their faces well
D7 G **"attitude look"**
Then we opened up our squirrel guns and really gave 'em..."hell!"

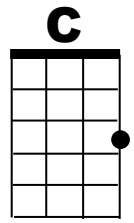
CHORUS:

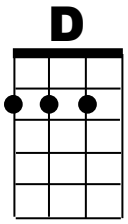
BRIDGE
G
Yeah, they ran through the briers and they ran through the brambles
D7 G
And they ran through the bushes where a rabbit couldn't go
They ran so fast that the hounds couldn't catch 'em
D7 G
On down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico

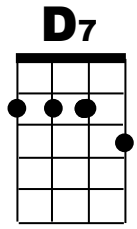
VERSE 4
G C
We fired our cannon 'til the barrel melted down
D7 G
So we grabbed an alligator and we fought another round
C
We filled his head with cannonballs 'n' powdered his behind
D7 G
And when we touched the powder off, the 'gator lost his mind

CHORUS:

REPEAT BRIDGE TO END SONG







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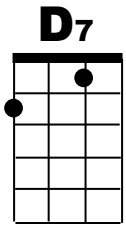

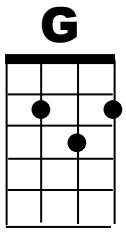

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