

# Eighth of January

## (Battle of New Orleans)

Traditional (see note) (Arr. Pete Showman (& Fiddlers Fakebook))

♩ = 75-80, D Major

\* The tune was probably adapted from an earlier tune to commemorate the Battle of New Orleans (during the War of 1812), which was won by Andrew Jackson on January 8, 1815. I don't know the name of the earlier tune, if any. I probably learned this version from the Fiddlers' Fakebook.

The lyrics written by Jimmy Driftwood (a high-school principal) came much later, in the 1950's. They were recorded by Johnny Horton; the song won the 1959 Grammy Award for Song Of The Year, and Horton won the Grammy for Best Country And Western Performance the same year.

First verse and chorus:

1. Well, in eighteen and fourteen 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 near the town of New Orleans.

Ch. 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',  
 down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico.

(etc.)