The War of 1812 – The Arrogant worms

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1. Listen to the following song.
2. Summarize what they are claiming about the War of 1812.
3. Use check marks or an ‘x’ to indicate if the lyrics tell a historical truth or interpretation.

Ooooh come back proud Canadians
To before you had TV
No hockey night in Canada!
There was no CBC (oh my god)

In 1812 Maddison was mad
He was the president you know
well he thought he'd tell the British
Where they ought to go
He thought he'd invade Canada
He thought that he was tough
Instead we went to Washingon...

And burned down all his stuff!

CHORUS:

And the white house burned burned burned down
And we're the ones that did it
It burned burned burned
while the president ran and cried
It burned burned burned down
And things were very historical
and the Americans ran and cried like a bunch of little babies yeah
wah wah wah!
In the war of 1812

Us Hillbillies from Kentucky
Dressed in green and red
Left home to fight in Canada
But the returned home dead

It’s the only war the Yankees lost
Except for Vietnam
And also the Alamo
and the bay of... Ham

The loser was America
the winner was ourselves
so join right in and gloat about
the war of 1812

CHORUS

In 1812 we were just sittin’ around
Puttin’ crops into the ground
we heard the soldiers coming and we didn’t like that sound
so we took a boat to Washington
and burned it to the ground

ooooh we fired our guns but the yankees kept-a-comin

There wasn't quite as many as there was a while ago
we fired once more and the yankees started runnin’
Down the Mississippi to the gulf of Mexico-oo-oo-oo-oo-oo-ooo

They ran through the snow and they ran through the forest
They ran through the bushes where the beavers wouldn’t go,
The ran so fast they forgot to take their culture,
Back to America and the gulf of mexico-oo-oo-ooo

So if you go to Washington
its buildings clean and nice
bring a pack of matches
and we'll burn the white house twice!

CHORUS