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