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### "Captain Ward"

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#### CAPTAIN WARD

Come all ye jolly mariners  
That love to tak' a dram  
I'll tell ye o' a robber  
That o'er the seas did come.

He wrote a letter to his king  
On the eleventh o' July,  
To see if he wad accept o' him  
For his jovial company.

"Oh na, oh na," says the king,  
"Such things they canna be,  
They tell me ye are a robber,  
A robber on the sea."

He has built a bonnie ship,  
An' sent her to the sea,  
Wi' fower an' twenty mariners  
To guard his bonnie ship wi'.

They sailed up an' they sailed doon,  
Sae stately, blythe, an' free,  
Till they spied the king's high Reindeer  
Like a leviathan on the sea.

"Why lie ye here, ye tinker,  
Ye silly coordly thief?  
Why lie ye here, ye tinker,  
An' hold oor king in grief?"

They fought from one in the morning  
Till it was six at night,  
Until the king's high Reindeer  
Was forced to tak' her flight.

"Gang hame, gang hame, ye tinkers.  
Tell ye your king fae me  
Though he reign king upon good dry land,  
I will reign king upon the sea."

From Scottish Folksinger, Buchan and Hall  
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