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THE DUTCHMAN

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The Dutchman's not the kind of man Who keeps his thumb jammed in the dam That holds his dreams in But that's a secret that only Margaret knows

When Amsterdam is golden in the summer Margaret brings him breakfast She believes him He thinks the tulips bloom beneath the snow He's mad as he can be but Margaret only sees that sometimes Sometimes she sees her unborn children in his eyes

CHORUS

Let us go to the banks of the ocean Where the walls rise above the Zeiderzie Long ago, I used to be a young man And dear Margaret remembers that for me The Dutchman still wears wooden shoes His cap and coat are patched with the love That Margaret sewed there Sometimes he thinks he's still in Rotterdam He watches the tug boats down canals And calls out to them when he thinks he knows the Captain Then Margaret comes to take him home again Thru unforgiving streets that trick him tho she holds his arm

Sometimes he thinks he's alone and he calls her name

Chorus

The winters whirl the windmills 'round She winds his muffler tighter, they sit in the kitchen Some tea with whiskey keeps away the dew He sees her for a moment, calls her name She makes the bed up singing some old love song A song Margaret learned when it was very new He hums a line or two, they sing together in the dark The Dutchman falls asleep and Margaret blows the candle out. Chorus.

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