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"ADMIRAL WILLIAM BROWN"

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From a county Mayo town came a man of great renown
As a sailor and a soldier was none bolder
He went to America at an early age they say
As a cabin boy to sail the wide world over

Then adventure took him south to the De La Plata
mouth
San Martin was on the route in Argentina
So three whaling ships he bought and Brazil and Spain
he fought
And freedom then he sought for Argentina

Now Admiral William Brown you're a man of courage
shown
And in battles fought the odds were all against you
But your Irish heart was strong and in memory still lives
on
And in Ireland there are some that don't forget you

On St. Patrick's day it's told you had many victories
bold
You defeated all invaders thugs and bullies
Then through the Pampas rose and you found a happy
home
"Las Islas Malvinas, Argentinas"

He had heard of Irish hands in noble gallant bands
That helped to free the land called Argentina
He had heard with great acclaim the Patricios name
and fame
When in 1806 the British came for slaughter

And to this very day in the Argentine they say
The English ran away from Buenos Aires
To the islands further down and they took them for the
crown
"Las Islas Malvinas, Argentinas"

We remember William Brown and his land of great
renown
He, invader of the islands from your country

When in 1833 were by pirates forced to flee
And in Ireland sure we know the story fully

And the people that went too to the Argentine when
new
To escape the English laws and wars and famine
They had proved a loyal crew just like all the Irish do
"Las Islas Malvinas, Argentinas"

The old colonial days and cruel English ways
With her thunder plunder we will teach the natives
For the Brit

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