

# Captain Ward

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Come all you jolly seamen that love to hear the drum,  
I will tell you of a robber that on the seas did roam,  
Some say his name is Captain Ward and it plainly does appear,  
There hasn't been such a hero boys found out this hundred year.

Our king he built a gallant ship, a ship of noble fame,  
She's called the saucy Rainbow, if you must know her name,  
Our ship she is well-rigged, and fitted out for sea,  
With eleven hundred seamen bold to keep her company.

We sailed round and round, my boys, where this bold robber lay,  
'Where is the master of your ship?', the gallant Rainbow cried,  
'Lo, here I am', says Captain Ward, my name I'll never deny,  
And if you are one of the king's ships, you're welcome to pass by'.

'If you've any resolution your skill all for to try,  
You and I will have a battle before we do pass by',  
'With all my heart', says Captain Ward, 'You are not worth one pin,  
Although you show your brass without, I am pure steel within'.

So at eight o'clock next morning this battle did begin,  
And so it did continue 'til eight o'clock again,  
'Fight on, fight on', says Captain Ward, 'Your sport well pleases me,  
And if you fight for a month or more, your master I will be'.

'I never robbed an English ship nor ship of noble fame,  
Nor yet the blaggard Dutchman that sails all on the main,  
Go home, go home and tell your king, and tell him this from me,  
That if he reigns king over all the land, it's I'll reign king at sea'.