The Flying Dutchman

The Jolly Rogers

The Jolly Rogers â€“ The Flying Dutchman
Lyrics

The sky was grey and cloudy
And the wind was from the west
When we spied a battered frigate
With her tattered sail full dressed

They signaled they had letters home
They asked if we could take
They dropped them in a barrel
They left bobbing in their wake

We reefed the sails and slowed the ship
To fish they barrel out
The old ship sailed to the distance
And we saw her come about

The captain watched through a spy-glass
And we heard him catch his breath
And we saw the storm a-brewing
Had become a wall of death

[Chorus]
Turn this ship around me boys
Turn around and run!
That storm it wants a battle
And itâ€™s sure that were outgunned!

What of the ship thatâ€™s out there
Do we leave her to the gale?
Sheâ€™s called the Flying Dutchman
And itâ€™s rage that fills her sails!
[End Chorus]

The thunder growled like demons
And the lightning stabbed the waves
And the Dutchman she leapt tâ€™wards us
Riding fury from the graves

Our captain, he stayed at the wheel
The crew they manned the lines
And still that ship and storm
Were quickly closing in behind

Our ship we crest a giant wave
And crashed to the trough below
And the crew held on to what they could
They were damned if they let go

The rain and sea and storm winds
Crashed against our ship with wrath
And from the deck of that cursed ship
We could hear them laugh

[Chorus 2]
Turn this ship around me boys!
Turn around and run!
That storm it wants a battle
And itâ€™s sure that weâ€™re outgunned!

That ghostly ship is hunting us
Itâ€™s bringing on the gale!
Sheâ€™s called the Flying Dutchman
And itâ€™s rage that fills her sails!
[End Chorus 2]

That was when we sighted land
It became a race with time
We believed it Santa Marta
The Dutchman closing in behind

â€œRisk it all!â€• the captain cried
â€œItâ€™s the only chance we got!â€•
Salvation if we make it
And our souls if we get caught

The storm was all around us
And the Dutchman cut our wind
The beast nearly capsized up
And we watched our strong mast bend

We were almost to the harbor

We could see the natural break
And each man willed her forward
For they knew what was at stake

[Chorus 2]

Once we charged into that harbor
The Dutchman heaved away
And we heard their bitter screams
For the devil lost his prey

Once we made it safely
To the leeward of the bay
We cracked that barrel open
To see what those letters say

There must have been a hundred
And thatâ€™s when we realized
These moldy parchments were addressed
To those whoâ€™d long since died

If you see a battered frigate
â€˜neath a grey and stormy sky
Give way and watch behind you
Or youâ€™ll hear your captain cry

[Chorus 2]

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