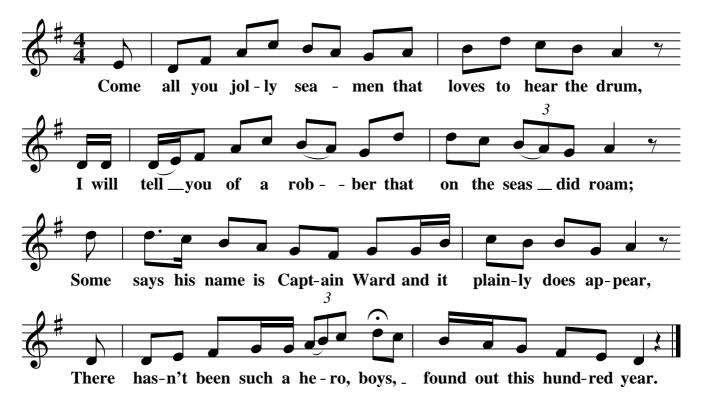
Captain Ward



Come all you jolly seamen that loves 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 is 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 to keep her company.

We sailed round and round, my boys, where this great robber lay, "Where is the master of your ship?" the gallant "Rainbow" cried, "Lo, here am I," 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, "I value you not a pin, Although you show your brass without, I am good steel within." So at eight o'clock in the morning the battle did begin, And so it did continue till 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 blackguard 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."