

70 Ward the Pirate - Mr Carter



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2
 A ship was sailing from the east and going to the west,
 loaded with silks and satins and velvets of the best;
 but meeting there with Captain Ward it proved hard to
 maintain:
 he robbèd them of all their wealth and bid them tell their
 king.

3
 Ward wrote a letter to our king on the fourteenth of
 February,
 to know of him if he might come in, and all his company,
 to know of him if he might come in, old England to behold,
 and for his pardon he would give five hundred pounds in
 gold.

4
 O then the king provided a ship of noble fame;
 she's called the Royal *Rainbow*, perhaps you've heard her
 name.
 She was as well provided for as any ship can be,
 full thirteen hundred men on board to bear her company.

5
 O then this gallant *Rainbow* came crossing o'er the main,
 saying, 'Yonder lies bold Captain Ward, and here we must
 remain.'
 'I'm here, I'm here,' cried Captain Ward, 'my name I'll not deny,
 but if you are one of the king's fine ships you are welcome to
 pass by'.

6
 'O no,' says gallant *Rainbow*, 'it grieves the king full sore
 that his rich merchant ships can't pass as they have done
 before'.
 'Come on, come on', cries Captain Ward, 'I value you not a pin,
 for if you've got brass for an outward show, I've got steel
 within'.

7
 O then the gallant *Rainbow* she fired, she fired in vain,
 till six and thirty of their men all on the deck were slain.
 'Fight on, fight on', says Captain Ward, 'this sport well pleases
 me,
 for if you fight this month and more your master I shall be.'

8
 It was eight o'clock in the morning when they began to fight,
 and so they did continue there till nine o'clock at night.
 'Go home, go home', says Captain Ward, 'and tell your king
 from me,
 if he reigns king on all the land, Ward will reign king at sea'.