

Now the Chesapeake so bold  
The Shannon and the Chesapeake  
Melody - Written to the tune of "A Drop of Brandy, O"

Now the Chesapeake so bold  
Sailed from Boston we've been told,  
For to take the British frigate neat and handy, O!  
The people in the port  
All came out to see the sport,  
And the bands were playing "Yankee Doodle Dandy, O!"

2. The British frigate's name,  
Which for the purpose came  
To cool the Yankee courage and handy-o,  
Was the Shannon - Captain Broke,  
All her men were hearts of oak.  
And at fighting were allowed to be dandy-o.

3. The fight had scarce begun  
Ere they flinched from their guns,  
Which at first they started working neat and handy-o.  
Then brave Broke he waved his sword,  
Crying, "Now, my lads, aboard,  
And we'll stop their playing 'Yankee Doodle Dandy-O.'"

4. They no sooner heard the word,  
Than they quickly jumped aboard,  
And hauled down the Yankee colors neat and handy-o;  
Notwithstanding all their brag,  
Now the glorious British flag  
At the Yankee mizzen peak was quite the dandy-o.

5. Here's a health, brave Broke, to you,  
To your officers and crew,  
Who aboard the Shannon frigate fought so handy-o;  
And may it always prove,  
That in fighting and in love,  
The British tar forever is the dandy-o.