

The Monitor And Merrimac - song lyrics

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THE MONITOR AND MERRIMAC.

I'm going to sing a song, I won't detain you long,
If you listen I will tell you how so handy, oh!
The Monitor went smack up to the Merrimac,
And upon her sides played Yankee Doodle Dandy, Oh!

Chorus.

Hip a Dooden Do. Jeff Davis, how are you?
Our Monitor beat your Merrimac quite handy, oh!
Erricson he's around, in the world there can't be found
A people like the Yankees' Doodle Dandy, Oh!

'Twas on the eighth of March the Merrimac clipped out
From Norfolk for to take a cruise so handy, oh!
she did not think she'd meet anything in our fleet
Able to give her Yankee Doodle Dandy. Oh!-Chorus.

She went rushing 'round smashing everything she found,
'Till the Monitor came failing in no handy, oh!
And Worden stopped her fun, soon made her cut and run.
While the shells they whistled Yankee Doodle Dandy, Oh!-Chorus.

For the Yorktown and the other, they'd be little bother
To smash and break them both up so handy, oh!
For our gun-boats they would do to rip them through and through,
While the sailors they'd sing Yankee Doodle Dandy, Oh!-Chorus

The Merrimac was some, 'till the Monitor she come
And opened up her little ports so handy, oh!
Then the shot did fly 'till the Merrimac's men did cry:
Here's the devil, sure, or Yankee Doodle Dandy, Oh!-CHORUS.

To Jeff this ought to show that this monster is no go,
And that mechanics in the North are very handy, oh!
That he must surrender soon, or we'll blow him to the moon
With invention- of our Yankee Doodle Dandy, Oh!-Chorus.

Now, boys, let us cheer the men that don't know fear.
That worked that little battery so handy, oh!
They deserve well of us all, let us pray that none may fall,
May they live long to sing Yankee Doodle Dandy, Oh!-Chorus.