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----(ORIGINAL VERSION.) ----

Van Tromp was an Admiral brave and bold,

The Dutchman's pride was he,

And he cried "I'll reign on the rolling main,

As I do on the Zuyder Zee.

And as he paced his quarter deck

And looked o'er the misty tide,

He saw old England like a speck,

And he shook his fist and cried:

"I've a Broom at the mast!" said he,

"For a Broom is the sign for me,

That the world may know wherever I go

I sweep the mighty sea!"

Now Blake was an Admiral true as gold

And he walked by the English sea,

And when he was told of that Dutchman bold

A merry laugh laughed he

And he cried "Ho! Ho! and away we'll go,

Come aboard, merry men, with me,

And we'll drive this Dutchman down below

To the bottom of his Zuyder Zee.

His Broom may be trim and gay,

But we'll haul it down to-day;

When he says he'll sweep the mighty deep,

'Tis a game that two can play!"

Then he cried, "Come here, you Dutchman queer,
To-day you must fight with me,
For while I ride the rolling tide
I'll be second to none," said he.
So he blazed away at the Dutchman gay
Till he made Mynheer to fall,
Then he hoisted a Whip to the mast of his ship
And cried to his merry men all:
"I've a Whip at the fore," said he,
"For a Whip is the sign for me,
That the world may know, wherever we go,
We ride and rule the sea!"

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