

The Monitor and Merrimac

1st run
Down at Fort Monroe, where the rebels struck a blow
Which caused a great commotion, though out the land we know
But they'd better stayed at home, and let the yankee boys alone
For they got enough of Yankee doodle dandy oh

2nd run
Oh the iron Merrimac with others at her back
Commanded by Buchanan the granny oh
From Norfolk started out, to put us all to rout
And to capture little Yankee doodle dandy oh

3rd run
Any gallant little band on board the Cumberland
When was sinking down was asked to surrender oh
You may sink us if you like but ~~our~~ flag I will not strike
Says brave Morris 'til the last will be ferried oh

4th run
The Congress soon went down, the Minnesota fast as soon
Which made our Yankee tars feel quite abandoned oh
When lo. with hearty cheers the Monitor appears
And the music struck up Yankee doodle dandy oh

5th run
The rebels shot flew hot, but the yankees answered not
Till they got within a distance they call handy oh
Then says Warden to his crew, boys lets see what we can do
If we take that iron rebel were the dandy oh

6th run
Then the little Monitor her iron hail did pour
Which made the Merrimac squeal like a gander oh
Then the rebels shook their heads, and to one another said
They got a little iron yankee doodle dandy oh

7th run

Now the rebels were undone and I think we'd better run
For the bottom of the river is quite sandy oh
We are sinking fast I swear, so for Norfolk we will steer
And there hide from little yankee doodle dandy oh

8th run
Now raise your voices every one, here's three cheers for Ericsson
Who gave us such a vessel neat and handy oh
And then give three more for our little Monitor
And there we'll give for yankee doodle dandy oh

The End

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