

The Adventures of Pirate



"Pirate In The Dock"

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My name is Pirate, come with me
And see my life afloat
I'm not a ship that sails the sea
I am a narrowboat

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Pirate's rear was grounded
How much he couldn't tell
His rudder hurt, it wouldn't move
He didn't feel too well

Help was needed swiftly
And soon it did arrive
The Doctor stood and shook his head
Would Pirate now survive?





So Pirate waited patiently
In icy wind and rain
Trying to be very brave
& not to show his pain

He really did feel very ill
So scared his life was ended
But look - here comes The Duke
To take poor Pirate to be mended!

Duke The Hero

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Duke came rushing to his pal
With Pirate's worried crew
"Oh no, what an emergency
Just tell me what to do!"

He snuggled up to Pirate's side
Gave comfort to his friend
& ropes were tied between the boats
Now joined from end to end



For hours they did battle on
With Pirate's growing plight
Then suddenly the Doctor said
"The hospital's in sight"

They turned towards familiar gates
That looked just like a lock
But here it was, the "Rudder Ward"
They called it a "dry dock"

The Operation

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Gradually the water drained
The dock became quite dry
The Doctor now could walk around
- To fix the boats he'd try

He now could see their undersides
To find what they had broken
The crew & Pirate held their breath
& not a word was spoken