

The Chief Engineer

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At twelve he met his true love
On the banks of the Zuider Zee
There was smoke upon the water
Diesel on the breeze
Down the iron gangway
Down into the noise
Down beside his destiny
Beside his pride and joy

And he keeps us rolling
Keeps us rolling on
And he listens to those engines sing
Their siren song

Years upon the ocean
Upon the lakes and seas
Down below the water line
Where he chose to be
He listened hard to what they said
Their thunder up and down
He heard their finest whisper
And understood the sounds

He said he's always loved them
The oil and the steel
Speaks of his perfection of his
mechanized idyll
Sets his eyes to shining
Like the dials down below
Like they did beside the Zuider Zee
All those years ago