

Captain Conniption

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I'm Captain Conniption, the scourge of the sea,
No pirate alive is as fearsome as me!
I'm ten times as tough as the skin of a whale
The sharks cringe in terror where ever I sail.

I'm Captain Conniption, the bane of my fleet,
I don't wash my face, and I don't wash my feet,
I wear a black hat and fly a black flag
I'm bad as can be though I don't like to brag.

When I'm on the deck with my cutlass in hand
The saltiest sailors start swimming for land,
They know I'm the nastiest nautical knave
And bold as a brigand is bound to behave.

I'm Captain Conniption and up to no good
You'll soon walk the plank if I think that you should
I'll show you right now how to vanquish a foe,
But I hear my mother, so I have to go.