

The Dutchman

The Dutchman's not the kind of man
Who keeps his thumb jammed in the dam
That holds his dreams in,
But that's a secret only Margaret knows.
When Amsterdam is golden in the summer,
Margaret brings him breakfast, she believes him.
He thinks the tulips bloom beneath the snow.

He's mad as he can be, but Margaret only sees that sometimes,
Sometimes she sees her unborn children in his eyes.

Let us go to the banks of the ocean where the walls rise above
the Zuider Zee. Long ago, I used to be a young man
and dear Margaret remembers that for me.

The Dutchman still wears wooden shoes,
His cap and coat are patched with the love
that Margaret sewed there.
Sometimes he thinks he's still in Rotterdam
and he watches the tug-boats down canals
And calls out to them when he thinks he knows the Captain.
Till Margaret comes to take him home again

Through unforgiving streets that trip him, though she holds his
arm....sometimes he thinks he's alone and he calls her name.

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The winters whirl the windmills 'round, she winds his muffler
tighter and they sit in the kitchen.
Some tea with whiskey keeps away the dew.
And he sees her for a moment, calls her name,
She makes the bed up singing some old love song,
A song Margaret learned when it was very new.
He hums a line or two, they sing together in the dark.
The Dutchman falls asleep and Margaret blows the candle out.

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In Memory of

Margaret Nagelkerke-Hooper



Clay Cross 21st April 1936 -

Eindhoven November 11th 2016

Burial of Margaret's Ashes

April 21st 2017

Welcome by June



Kathryn and David read Peter and Margaret's own words



The burial of the ashes

Music: The Dutchman by
Liam Clancy

Jill reads 'An April Day' by
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Prayer by June



Tim reads Peter's words

After the service, everyone is very welcome for a light lunch
at
The Hilcote Country Club

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