Hammer And The Anvil

The Longest Johns

I thought to make a horseshoe, and asked my hammer thus He said, "I'll ask the anvil what you require of us" The hammer asked the anvil and she at once agreed That they should meet together in the way that I decreed

And it's sparks a-flying, passion strong I am the blacksmith singing
The hammer and the anvil song

I thought to make an anchor, for taking on the main
The hammer and the anvil relented once again
So they sat there together, as I prepared the cast
They braced themselves for impact like a sailor on the mast

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The hammer and the anvil song

I thought to make a broadsword, for fighting on the field Much as I know the hammer is a nobler thing to wield For though us humble tradesfolk choose a quiet life The gods of war come to the door of the hammer and his wife

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The hammer and the anvil song

They asked me for a statue of the general who died A sword raised in his iron fist and a war horse sat astride And though I knew they'd try me for what I did decide I stuck a hammer in his fist and an anvil by his side

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Now all you merry blacksmiths, a warning take by me Stick to your country horseshoes and your anchors for the sea When the gods of war come calling, promising you gold They'll take your hammer, take your anvil, take your very soul

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