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De Vliegende Hollander | Robin van Persie

Netherlands 5-1 Spain
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Time itself seemed to stop as Robin van Persie launched himself towards the ball in Brazil. A moment's pause was all he needed to spring like a duiveltje uit een doosje to loop the ball over Spanish goalkeeper Iker Casillas in a flash of Dutch blue to score one of the finest headed goals the game has ever seen. The first of five scored against the reigning world champions that day, the goal and performance were sweet revenge for the Oranje after the infamously ill-tempered final in 2010. And for Van Persie, a moment that came to define his World Cup story.