

## **Vanity** (traditional)

There was a good ship in the North country  
Sailin low in the Lowlands, low.  
O there was a good ship in the North Country  
And that good ship's name it was the Golden Vanity,

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Sailin low in the lowlands, low.

The Captain says "I fear for my good ship Vanity"  
Sailin low in the Lowlands, low.  
"Oh I fear for my good ship, the Golden Vanity  
That she may well be taken by the pirate Targalley"

Up spoke the Cabin boy, "What will you give me?"  
Sailin low in the Lowlands, low.  
"Oh Captain, my dear Captain, what will you give me?"  
If I sink yon pirate ship low in the sea?"

"Oh I will gie ye gold boy, I'll gie you a fee"  
Sailin low in the Lowlands, low.  
"Oh I will gie ye gold boy, I'll gie you a fee  
If you sink yon pirate ship low in the sea"

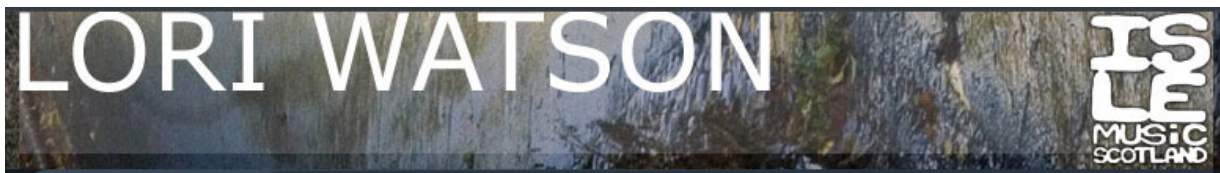
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Undauntedly and bold then the Cabin Boy jumped in  
Sailin low in the Lowlands, low.  
Then he bent his back and away he swim  
Till he came tae the pirate ship a Spanish galleon

The boy he had an augur could bore two holes at yince  
Sailin low in the Lowlands, low.  
An while some were at the cards an some were at the dice  
He let the water in so as tae dazzle aa their eyes

The boy he bent his back and away again he swam  
Sailin low in the Lowlands, low.  
Cryin, "Captain take me up or soon I will be slain  
They are firin now upon me frae the Spanish Galleon"

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"I will not take you up boy" the Captain he replied  
Sailin low in the Lowlands, low.  
"I will not take you up boy" his cruel master cried  
"I will kill you if you come on deck and throw you down the tide."

The boy he swam aroon unto the starboard side  
Sailin low in the Lowlands, low.  
'Til he could swim no more an bitterly he cried  
"Oh messmates take me up or I will go down wi tide"

His messmates took him up, but on the deck he died  
Sailin low in the Lowlands, low.  
So they took the cabin boy and sewed him in a hide  
And threw him overboard tae go down wi the tide.

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