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The Golden Vanity

Traditional (Child Ballad #286)

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 There was a ship that sailed
 D Em
 all on the Lowland Sea,
 Am A7
 and the name of our ship
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 was the Golden Vanity
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 and we feared she would be taken
 D Em
 by the Spanish enemy
 Am D G Em
 as we sailed upon the Lowland, Lowland, low
 Am D G
 we sailed upon the Lowland sea.

Then up stepped our cabin boy
 and boldly outspoke he
 and he said to our captain
 "what would you give to me
 If I would swim along side
 of the Spanish enemy
 and sink her in the Lowland,
 Lowland, low
 and sink her in the Lowland, sea

"Oh, I would give you silver
 and I would give you gold,
 And my own fairest daughter
 your bonny bride shall be,
 If you will swim along side
 of the Spanish enemy
 and sink her in the Lowland,
 Lowland low
 And sink her in the Lowland sea.

The the boy he made him read
 And overboard sprang he
 and he swam alongside
 of the Spanish enemy
 And with his brace and auger
 in her side he bored holes three,
 And he sunk her in the Lowland,
 Lowland Low,

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And he sunk her in the Lowland Sea.

Then quickly he swam back
to the cheering of the crew
But the captain would not heed him
for his promise he did rue,
and he scorned his poor entreatings
when loudly he did sue,
And he left him in the Lowland,
Lowland, Low
And he left him in the Lowland Sea.

Then quickly he swam round
to the port side
And up to his messmates
full bitterly he cried,
"Oh, messmates, draw me up
for I'm drifting with the tide,
And I'm sinking in the Lowland,
Lowland, Low
I'm sinking in the lowland sea."

Then his messmates drew him up,
But on the deck he died,
And they stitched him in his hammock
Which was so fair and wide,
And they lowered him overboard
And he drifted with the tide,
And he sank in the Lowland,
Lowland, low
And he sank in the Lowland sea.