

# Golden Vanity

Peter, Paul and Mary

There was a ship that sailed all on the lowland sea  
And the name of the ship was the Golden Vanity  
And we feared she would be taken by the Spanish enemy  
As she sailed upon the lowland, lowland, lowland  
Sailed upon the lowland sea.

Then up spoke our cabinboy and boldly out spoke he  
And he said to our captain "What will you give to me  
If I swim along the side of the Spanish enemy  
And I sink her in the lowland sea?"

"Oh I will give you silver and I will give you gold  
And my own fair daughter your bonny bride shall be  
If you'll swim along the side of the Spanish enemy  
And you'll sink her in the lowland, lowland, lowland  
Sink her in the lowland sea.

Then the boy he made him ready and overboard sprang he  
And he swam to the side of the Spanish enemy  
With his brace and auger in her side he bored holes three  
And sank he her in the lowland sea.

Then quickly he swam back to the cheering of the crew  
But the captain would not heed him, his promise he did rue  
And he scorned his poor entreatings when loudly he did sue  
And left him in the lowland, lowland, lowland  
Left him in the lowland sea.

Then the boy he turned round and he swam to the port side  
And up to his messmates full bitterly he cried  
"O messmates, draw me up, for I'm drifting with the tide  
And I'm sinking in the lowland, lowland, lowland  
Sinking in the lowland sea."

Then his messmates drew him up, but on the deck he died  
And they stitched him in a hammock which was so fair and white  
And they low'ered him overboard, and he drifted with the tide  
And he sank into the lowland, lowland, lowland  
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