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A ship have I got in the north country,  
And she goes by the name of the "Golden Vanitee".  
O, I fear she'll be taken by a French Galalie  
As she sails by the Lowlands low.

Refrain:

By the Lowlands low, by the Lowlands low,  
As she sails by the Lowlands low.

To the Captain<sup>n</sup> then upspeke the little cabin boy.  
He said "What is my fee if the galley I destroy,  
The French Galalie, if no more it doth annoy,  
As you sail by the Lowlands low?"

Refrain:

By the Lowlands low, etc.,

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"I'll give you gold and I'll give you fee,  
And my eldest daughter your wife shall be.  
Of treasures and of fee galore <sup>m</sup> I'll give to thee,  
As we sail by the Lowlands low!"

Refrain:

The boy bended his breast and away swam he,  
Until he came up to the French Galalie.  
He swam until he came to that French Galalie,  
As she lay in the Lowlands low.

Refrain:

He took an auger with him that weighed but one ounce,  
And with it he bore 24 holes at once  
In the French Galalie 24 holes at once,  
As she lay in the Lowlands low.

Refrain:

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Some were at cards and some were at dice,  
And others were talking good advice;  
And he let the water in concealed from their eyes,  
As she lay in the Lowlands low.

Refrain:

Some for their hats and some for their caps,  
All for to stop up the salt water gaps.  
The boy sunk the galley in spite of them all  
So king bless Captain, seamen and all.

Refrain:

The boy bared his breast and back he swam,  
Until he came up to his own ship again,  
The "Golden Vanitee" as on the tide she ran,  
Lying in the Lowlands low.

Refrain:

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"O Captain captain taka me in,  
For I am chilled unte the skin,  
And I am very waery and I can no longer swim,  
I am sinking in the Lowlands low."

Refrain:

"O Captain take me in" again he faintly cried.  
 "I will not take you in" the Captain he replied.  
 "I will shoot you, I will drown you and I'll send you  
     with the tide  
 And I'll sink you in the Lowlands low."

Refrain:

"O Captain, captain, if it wern't for your men,  
 I'd serve you as I've served them,  
 The "Golden Vanitee" as the French Galalie,  
 Which lay in the Lowlands low".

Refrain:

"Throw him a rope", the captain replied,  
 "And I'll soon fetch him over the side".  
 So they hauled the cabin boy from out the flowing tide,  
 Which ran by the Lowlands low."

Refrain:

"I'll give you your gold, and I'll give you your fee,  
 But my eldest daughter your wife shan't be."  
 Thus spake the captain of the "Golden Vanitee"  
 As she lay in the Lowlands low.

Refrain:

The cabin boy spoke and to the captain then said he,  
 "I value not your gold, nor yet your silver fee,  
 But your eldest daughter my wife she shall be,  
 As we sail by the Lowlands low."

Refrain:

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The captain he repented he fired shot and ball,  
 So the boy got the daughter in spite of them all.  
 May God bless captain, ship, seamen and all,  
 Who sail in the Lowlands low."

Refrain:

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### **Notes**

- i. **Title: The Golden Vanitee** is also known as "The Golden Vanity" or "The Sweet Trinity"
- ii. **The Captain** could possibly be: Sir Walter Raleigh"
- iii. **"galore"** markup on text: underlined with question mark in pencil