

The Handsome Cabin Boy

It's of a pretty female as you may understand,
Her mind being bent on rambling unto some foreign land
All dressed in sailor's clothing she boldly did appear
And she hired with a captain to serve him for a year.

She hired with a captain a cabin boy to be.
The wind stood fine and clearly and so they put to sea.
The captain's lady being on board and she seemed for to enjoy
To think the captain had engaged such a handsome cabin boy.

Her cheeks they were like roses and her hair rolled in a curl,
The sailors often smiled and said he looked just like a girl.
But eating of the captain's biscuits her colour did destroy,
And the waist did swell of pretty Nell the handsome cabin boy.

'Twas through the bay of Biscay our gallant ship did plow,
One night among the sailors was a fearful flurry and row,
They tumbled from their hammocks which did their rest destroy,
And they sworn about the groaning of the handsome cabin boy.

"Oh doctor, dear, oh doctor, " the cabin boy did cry
"My time has come, I am undone and I will surely die!"
The doctor ran with all his might a-smiling at the fun
To think a sailor lad should have a daughter or a son.

The sailors when they saw the joke they all did stand and stare.
The child belonged to none of them they solemnly did swear
The captain's wife, she says to him, "My dear, I wish you joy,
For 'tis either you or me's betrayed the handsome cabin boy!"

Now sailors, take your tot of rum and drink success to trade,
And likewise to the cabin boy that was neither man nor maid.
Here's hoping the wars don't rise again our sailors to destroy,
And here's hoping for a jolly lot more and the handsome cabin boy.

Dag – lead vocal
Gideon – bouzouki
Esbjörn – fiddel, vocal
Staffan – double bass