

Golden Willow Tree

Based on traditional Ozark versions
Sung *a cappella*, key of A mixolydian

Arranged & adapted
with additional lyrics
by Joel Mabus

There was a lit-tle ship a - sail-in' on the sea, O the low, the lone-some
low, There was a lit-tle ship a - sail-in' on the sea, and the name of the
ship was the Gol-den Wil-low Tree Sail-in on the lone-some lone-some low,
sail - in on the lone - some sea

ADDITIONAL VERSES:

They hadn't been to sea two weeks or three
(O the low the lonesome low)
They hadn't been to sea two weeks or three
When along come the pirate, the Turkish Sugaree
(Sailin' on the lonesome lonesome low,
sailin' on the lonesome sea)

The captain turned to his able crew [*as before*]
Saying, oh brave boys what will I ever do?

Captain, oh captain, what will you pay
To the man who can sink the Turkish Sugaray

Why I'd give my daughter and a sack of my gold
To the brave boy who could prove so bold

Then the little cabin boy jumped in the sea
And he swum 'til he come to the Turkish Sugaree

And he had a little auger fitted for the use
He drilled nine holes and he let in the juice

Some with their hats and some with their caps
Tried to keep the water from a-comin' through the gaps

But every man aboard the Turkish Sugaree
Met his doom in the bottom of the sea

Then the little cabin boy swum back to the fold
Said, haul me up aboard boys; I'm dyin of the cold

But the Captain said - you'll not come aboard
You won't have my daughter and you won't have my gold

Oh captain, captain how can it be
You'd pay your man with such treachery

Oh my gold is my pride -- my daughter is my joy
And I won't give 'em up to a black cabin boy

LAST VERSE:

Now there's a little cabin boy drownin' in the sea
(O the low the lonesome low)

There's a little cabin boy drownin' in the sea
And he's drillin' little holes in the Golden Willow Tree
(And sink 'em in the lonesome lonesome low,
sink 'em in the lonesome sea)