

Jerry Garcia "Handsome Cabin Boy Waltz"

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It's of a pretty female as you will understand
Her mind was set on rambling into a foreign land
She dressed herself in man's attire and boldly did
appear
And she engaged with a captain to serve him for a
year.

The captain's lady being on board, she seemed in
great joy
To think that the captain had engaged such a
handsome cabin boy
And many's the time she cuddled and kissed, and she
would have liked to toy
But 'twas the captain found out the secret of the
handsome cabin boy
Verse 3 Her cheeks they were like roses, her hair was
all a-curl
The sailors often smiled and said, he looks just like a
girl
But eating the captain's biscuit, well, her color it did
destroy
And the waist did swell of pretty Nell, the handsome
cabin boy.

Verse 4 As through the Bay of Biscay our gallant ship
did plough
One night among the sailors there came an awful row
They tumbled from their hammocks for their rest it did
destroy
They complained about the groaning of the handsome
cabin boy

Verse 5 It's doctor, dearest doctor, the cabin boy did
cry
My time has come, I am undone, surely I must die
The doctor ran with all his might, a-smiling at the fun
For to think a cabin boy could have a daughter or a son

Verse 6 Now when the sailors heard the joke, they all
began to stare
The child belongs to none of us, they solemnly did
swear
And the lady to the captain said "My dear I wish you joy

For it was either you or I betrayed the handsome cabin boy."

Verse 7 Come all of you bold fellows and we'll drink
success to trade
And likewise to the cabin boy who was neither man nor
maid
And if the wars should rise again, us sailors to destroy
Well, here's hoping for a jolly lot more like the
handsome cabin boy.

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