

CAPTAIN BART

(Spring Tide Rising 2010)

Ye mortals all attend, this history I relate
How of late
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No Muse could more inspire
No Ocean quench the fire
Of Bart that hero brave and bold
Let it be told

'Twas in March, Seventeen Hundred and fifty nine
In that time
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The Danae she sailed forth
For to plunder in the North
And to rule the seas from Ireland
To Canada

But as they sailed along, the shore lay on the lee
Cold grey sea
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Two English frigates hove in view
Nowhere to run and naught to do
But to stand and die in brotherhood
They understood

Then up spoke Captain Bart to all his valiant crew
This we do
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If it comes that we must die
Let us do it gloriously
For as long as Bart has life and breath
He'll not fear death

And hearing him say so each man stood to his place
Death to face
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But the English, in the fray
Blew the Danae's masts away
And Admiral Bart himself was slain
'Twas all in vain

Still the English gave no quarter then as you shall hear
Never fear
Still the English gave no quarter then as you shall hear
But Bart's son stepped in his place
Saying, the enemy I will face
And the deck on which the brave lad stood
Soon flowed with blood

Courage alone could not prevail 'gainst England's pride
On that tide
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They that would not live as slaves
Sank silent 'neath the waves
Now the Danae sleeps 'neath sea and sand
Near England