

# “Kettle of Silver”

## Harry Bird and the Rubber Wellies

### Kettle of Silver (Harry Bird)

a long time ago not so far, far away  
a kettle was lost by some faeries, some say  
they filled it with silver coins right up to the brim  
and when i get a-hold of it my life will rebegin

i don't want your pudding bowls or glasses full of wine  
i don't want your iron pans of beans or bacon rind  
i'm jealous as a lover, i can't eat or drink  
cos that kettle full of silver has been giving me the wink

i went down to reekie linn where the isla flows  
and i've seen the gleam of silver amongst the stones  
i searched up the banks all over the glen  
and then i turned to my home empty handed once again

i don't want your pudding bowls or glasses full of wine  
i don't want your iron pans of beans or bacon rind  
there's money all around me, i can hear it clink  
cos that kettle full of silver has been giving me the wink

well you may see them shimmering coins some place near  
but you take a step closer and they disappear  
if i could only tell you where that magic metal goes  
i wouldn't still be standing here in these sad old clothes

i don't want your pudding bowls or glasses full of wine  
i don't want your iron pans of beans or bacon rind  
i need some peace and quiet so that i can think  
cos that kettle full of silver has been giving me the wink

that kettle is cursed by a spell that's so strong  
that he who lays hold of it won't live for long  
i guess if i'm to fall for such a dirty faerie trick  
i better go and spent all of that silver pretty quick

i don't want your pudding bowls or glasses full of wine  
i don't want your iron pans of beans or bacon rind  
i'm gonna write my will in invisible ink  
cos that kettle full of silver has been giving me the wink

## The Golden Vanity (trad)

well there was a lofty ship, and she put out to sea  
and the name of that ship was the golden vanity  
and she sailed upon the low and lonesome low  
sailed upon the lonesome sea

well she had not been out but two weeks or three  
till she was overtaken by a turkish reveley  
as she sailed upon the low and lonesome low  
sailed upon the lonesome sea.

then up spake our little cabin boy  
saying "what will you give me if i will them destroy  
if i sink them neath the low and lonesome low  
sink them neath the lonesome sea?"

"the man that them destroys"  
our captain he replied  
"five thousand pounds and my daughter for his bride  
if he sinks them in the low and lonesome low  
sinks them neath the lonesome sea!"

the boy has beat his breast and down jumps he  
he swum till he come to the turkish reveley  
as it sailed upon the low and lonesome low  
sailed upon the lonesome sea

he's got himself a tool he's made for the use  
and he's bored nine holes in the hull all at once  
and he's sunk them neath the low and lonesome low  
he's sunk them neath the lonesome sea

he's swum back to his ship, he's beaten on the side  
crying, "captain, pick me up for i'm weary in the tide  
and i'm sinking in the low and lonesome low  
sinking neath the lonesome sea!"

"oh, I will not pick you up," the captain then replied  
"i'll shoot you, i'll drown you, i'll sink you in the tide  
yes i'll sink you in the low and lonesome low  
i'll sink you in the lonesome sea!"