

Elizabeth, Queen of the Golden Age

Henry VIII was old and ill,
Knew he wouldn't live forever.
So his third child, Edward,
Became his successor.



For 19 years you held her
In weary isolation.
And then poor Mary lost her head
For plotting your assassination.



Elizabeth, you were clever,
As history has shown.
But how could you have dreamt
That one day, you'd be on the throne?

*Elizabeth, you were the queen of the Golden Age.
All the things you did, they'd fill page after page.
You were a great leader, and your reign was long.
You showed the world that women could be strong.*

Chorus

In 1566
Parliament wanted you wed.
But you replied that
England was your husband instead.



Your sailors plundered Spanish ships,
And brought back lots of treasure,
These shiny jewels and fancy clothes,
They gave you so much pleasure!

Then Edward caught a fever
And died at just fifteen.
Mary was the next in line,
But a most unhealthy queen!



Chorus

You were known throughout your rule
For skills of persuasion.
You rallied troops at Tilbury
Against Spanish invasion.



Then your chance came at last,
You were next to wear the crown.
You were young, determined
Not to let your country down.



You gave a rousing speech
To inspire them all to fight,
And with cannons, guns and burning boats,
Defeated Spanish might!

Chorus

Tough as any king before,
You made some hard decisions.
You welcomed Mary Queen of Scots,
Then had her imprisoned.

Chorus, then:

*You showed the world that women could be strong -
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