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The Merchant bound for Acre who Survived a Storm

*The mother of Jesus Christ who made the heaven, the earth and the seas,
has the power to quell storms in all manner of places.*

And so the Blessed Virgin Mary performed a great miracle
for a merchant who was bound for Acre
with his ship laden with very fine goods
but before he got there he had many troubles

for there came such a mighty storm that the mast was broken
and the sail torn to pieces, and he was in such distress
that he promised that if he arrived at the port alive
he would go to Salas and its holy altars as a pilgrim

and make a rich and fine offering that night.
And as soon as he had made this pledge the glorious Virgin
came to his aid with her goodness, and did not tarry
for she at once made the storm abate, without delay.

The storm abated, and they repaired the mast
and at once entrusted themselves to St Mary of Salas
and they had such a good wind that they arrived at Acre
the next morning, and were free from fear and all the dire thoughts

of death that they once had. And they sold
all the goods that they had brought, at a good price and in a very short time.
Then they returned to their country and made their pilgrimages
to Puy and thence to Salas, singing and giving thanks.

That merchant whom the Virgin had so clearly guided
to port with his goods, when he entrusted himself to her,
made an offering there of a cross made entirely of glass.
And we turned the tale into a song, for the minstrels to sing.

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