

The Fight of the Atalante

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(Dedicated to the memory of Louis Frechette, one of whose poems, *L'Atalante*, suggested the following tribute by an English-speaking Canadian to the memory of those heroes who so gloriously upheld the honor of France in the closing days of the struggle between Great Britain and France for the possession of Canada and of the brave French-Canadians who fought under Montcalm.)

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Now let the tale be told,
It is worth the telling too,
Of the gallant Vauquelin,
Of the French ship Atalante,
And of her dauntless crew.
How they faced a British fleet,
Boldly braved the British guns,
Never faltered, never wavered
Though outnumbered three to one;
Mid a storm of cannon shot
Kept the flag of France aloft,
To their lives gave not a thought,
Fought like heroes on the deck,
Nobly stood and fiercely fought,
Fought for France.

'Twas the last days of the war,
Glorious war for British arms,
Victory both on land and sea,
Mid the din of strife's alarms;
Battle of the Plains was o'er,