

9. There was some difference of opinion as to the best course to follow, and in the end a mistake was made, so that the three vessels sailed directly into the midst of the treacherous shoals near Sable Island.

10. About that time the captain of the *Golden Hind*, who has written the story of this voyage, noticed that many porpoises were playing about the ship. This he took for a sign of storm. The crew of the *Squirrel* were also haunted with superstitious fancies, thinking that they heard strange voices, and the men on the *Delight* alone felt no fear. "As the swan sings before her death," they passed the evening in jollity and merriment, and the people on the other vessels heard them sounding trumpets and beating drums. A few hours later their ship ran on a hidden ledge, and was beaten to pieces by the terrible breakers. Of the crew all were lost except one small boat's load, who, after terrible suffering, at last reached Newfoundland. For many hours those on the other vessels lingered amongst the dangerous sandbars, hoping that they might pick up some of their ill-fated comrades. But they waited in vain, and many of them believed that the disaster had come as a punishment on the piratical crew of the *Swallow*.

11. Sir Humphrey now resolved to return home as quickly as possible, promising himself that the queen would give him good help when she heard of the silver ore, and hoping to come back in the spring to dig riches from the mines of Newfoundland.

12. When the weather was fine, he sometimes went on board the *Golden Hind* to talk to the captain, Hayes.