

Queen Isabella

Columbus was disheartened
Would no-one help his plan?
It seemed that all the kings he asked
Were timid to a man.

Not one would risk his money
Though rewards could not be higher
Columbus' hopes were running low
Until he met a friar.

Friar Juan Perez had been
Chaplain to the Queen of Spain
He believed in Columbus and said
He should try the Queen again.

The friar wrote a letter
And the Queen of Spain agreed
To see Columbus and hear his plans
Was this is chance to succeed?

Queen Isabella was a very wealthy lady
But the prospect of some more she found appealing
 So she agreed
She promised ships and sailors to man them
So at last Columbus had results from his pleading
 He could proceed.

The sea-port of Palos is not very popular
With me – their taxes are not paid
 They can supply
Three ships and ninety men – anyone will do
Instead of cash, this payment will be made
 If they are sly –
 Then so am I !