

## 1: Poem: Faint Heart Never Won Fair Lady by Sir John Bowring

*'Faint heart never won fair lady' occurs in exactly this form in Thomas Lodge, Euphues's Golden Lagacy (usually known as 'Rosalynde', and known as the source for Shakespeare's As You Like It), said by Rosalynde (disguised as Ganymede) to Rosader.*

Ages past when the spring brought forth the melodies of chirping birds and cooing babes. When the air smelled so pure and clean. The idyllic world of young children and innocent girls was one so sweet. Princess Alexia was a fool to ever think that such things were so. She had come to see the world for what it was. A place of death, of the pursuit of power, of sex and violence and control. There was never a more agonizing moment in her life than when the dreams she dreamed came crashing down. First came Kulsandia, where she went to be courted by the younger brother of the king. Then war came—death came. Fear, terror and misery surrounding her. She was captured, imprisoned—betrayed and used. She was set free, but the horrors she witnessed kept her a prisoner. A prisoner of trauma, of distress and suffering. Then came the next—Tiathon. Prince Crenos was a sweet boy, who came from a country far away to court her. He did a valiant job, and Alexia was ever grateful for it. Yet, his country was strange and his father was cruel. That—and the sorrowful maiden was reluctant to give up her virtue. And so the marriage was annulled—for Alexia would not yield her maidenhead. She was tired of being used—tired of the weight of expectations. She used to laugh and dance and sing and play the harp—not what did she do? None of the things she used to do she enjoyed—it all seemed so dull—so pointless. How can I enjoy anything when people are suffering—dying? Even the winter outside her window seemed to convey the dull sense of depression that overwhelmed her. The drab grey sky, the quiet, the low howling of the wind that swirled with snow. It was bleak—it was cold—it was lacking in the color and vigor that exemplified life. Or at least did. What was life, truly? The perilous, cruel journey from birth to death? Brutal and short—as the northerners were quick to describe it? The innocence of childhood, the dreams of naive girls? Alexia sighed as she looked out the window of the Imperial Palace—she was glad to be there though. Langaël was so suburban, it made her feel ordinary. She always wanted to be a proper princess, one that perhaps her brother would be proud of. A cruel sense of irony could be found in the fact that Arietta was a real princess but not proper, while Alexia was proper, but not a real princess. Oh how she wished she could trade places! Yet, this would suffice. Alexia heard the crackling of fire from the pit on the wall behind her. She turned to look and see. The fire seemed to dance to some unseen rhythm. The room around it was cozy enough. It was the room that Nathan gave her for whenever she came to stay. It was a spacious room, with a large, comfortable bed and a bathroom on one side, and then bookshelves on the walls surrounding the fire pit. She had many books there, as well as her harp and some paper and a pen to write. The harp was the same harp, that she had traveled with to Kulsandia, and had taken with her to Tiathon. The harp was nearly as big as she was—it was gold, with the ends in the shape of angels, and it had silver strings. It was a gift from Nathan for her seventeenth birthday, and it was her greatest treasure. The songs that she could play upon its strings were ever so sweet, yet of late it only reminded her of things that made her feel hurt inside. Fragile mind and wounded heart. Alexia got up and walked over to the wooden dresser with the mirror on it. She looked the same—still tall and willowy, with long, straight black hair that flowed behind her back, pale skin with freckles here and there, and deep blue eyes. She was pretty, surely, but it was a solemn beauty, with a hidden pain in her face and eyes. Alexia looked away in a sharp motion, and contemplated the nature of her being there in the palace. Ever since Nathan went on that tour of the north, Sophia had been different. She was pale and sickly, and was losing weight. Alexia came along, while the twins Amelia and Charles remained in Gada to go to school, although they came down every weekend hence. Alexandra was in Vorindun with her betrothed, Kaiser Martin, and Arietta dropped by whenever she felt like it from her townhouse in uptown Ghish—conveniently located near all the premier party places. They were pleasant enough company, she supposed. He was good to her and made her laugh—made her feel safe. He was far away. The thought made her sigh. Alexia noticed a poem written down on a piece of paper on the dresser. She hardly had any time to contemplate the meaning of her words, before there was a knock on the door. Down the length of the hall she

went, examining all the history, the ornaments, the statues, busts and paintings. In the rigid class structure of Ghant, such a mark was not like to be forgotten. As Alexia turned a corner, she bumped into Malibar. Alexia stumbled backward startled. I suppose I could forgive you, on account of your grace and good manners. Truly I am unworthy of such compliments. It is enough to know that a lowborn like me can earn such kind words from a king. It seemed as if there was more he wanted to tell her. So she continued the way she was going, down the winding halls of the monstrously large Imperial Palace, which despite it being cavernous, was quite warm and invitingly cozy. Alexia gave a curtsy. On one of the couches was the Empress, and behind her was a tall black vase with wilting white roses in it. Perhaps Nathan is her son, Alexia thought. Sophia closed her eyes for a moment. We are familyâ€¦formality is hardly necessary. Alexia poured herself a glass of tea. Content with my things, enjoying the peace that the palace can offer me. You are very intelligent, very beautiful, and very kind. If more young women were like you, the world would be a much better place. That is why the world loves youâ€¦for you are so sweet, every part of you. Your words are honeyed. Me on the other handâ€¦well, I do not have your charisma, and as such I have resigned myself to my own company. My brother is my best friend, but alas he is gone, far away in the north, where I worry about him greatly. In your own way. Alexia thought for a moment, and then she explained. Maybe then and there the innocent kids chased rainbows and thought they could touch the stars. Maybe this imaginary world is real for some people. Imprisonment, torture and mistreatment, that is a different story. And that is how the cycle starts. It spins, and spins and spins and spins until you are too dizzy to know which way you are facing. The walls close in and the people around you disappear, turning and walking away without looking back. You call out for help but the only answer is the echo of your voice in the empty room. Your echo sounds faint and helpless and it reflects exactly how you feel. Even your screams are merely whispers here. You try to get up, you try to get out. You catch your breath and gather your strength and you beat down these walls that surround you. Finding yourself free, you search for peace.

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### 2: faint heart | Definition of faint heart in US English by Oxford Dictionaries

*The church is now before him, here he takes her for his wife, makes her his own, blesses him|self for his bold enterprise, convinced that, if we mean to take our game, we should, if possible, never lose sight of the chace; and happy in the reflection that he has profited by the Proverb, A Faint heart, never Won fair Lady.*

Chapter 1 Chapter Text The mid-morning sun caught the edge of her sword as it arched through the sky. Her sleeve gathered at her elbow, and Faramir felt his heart skip a beat. He fancied he saw a smile cross her face, and tried not to look at her gown pulled tight across her breast as she pulled her arm over her head, and he wondered where such a practiced swordswoman found the time for the more genteel arts. Faramir sighed heavily to himself. She was a temptress, bright hair and gentle curves luring men to what could never be theirs. He had counseled friends to avoid such ladies and keep their hearts free. Why could he not follow his own advice? A knock came at the door, and Faramir shook himself from his thoughts. The door half-opened and a man with a care-worn face stepped inside. You should send men to the farms near the western out-walls; they will have early summer potatoes and greens at the least. I will share their findings if you prefer, but you have capable clerks who can handle such matters. Have you other recommendations as well? A dark splotch stained his right nostril. He accepted the proffered cloth and took his time scrubbing at his nose. What drives you to such distraction? She cries out like that when she finishes her sword-dance. She is of every consequence. They shall sing of her deeds long after both of us are dead. Elfhelm asks about his Dernhelm on occasion, and my squires are eager to share gossip of her. You, a veteran ranger of Ithilien, must know how to ferret out information and interrogate those you meet. Why had it not occurred to him to close the window before now? He closed the shutters for good measure. Returning to his seat, he let out a sigh. She has captured you, heart, mind, and body, lad. My boy Brethil relied on his sister to spread flattering rumours of him with the ladies he fancied, and even Boromir let my wife fill his dance card for him. We men are bumblers at this, every one of us. He felt strangely somber. As hard as he tried not to think of him, he could not wholly banish memories of Boromir: Faramir shook his head as if that would whisk away the memories. I offered her sympathy and company, and she asked for a window looking east. Give her the tools to show she is the equal of any of them. Let her decide to stand at your side, or not, but give her the opportunity to do it with her pride intact. He gave Bergil his warmest smile. But faint heart certainly shall not, and she will need them in any case. That afternoon he would woo a shieldmaiden, and such an undertaking required strength.

### 3: NationStates â€¢ View topic - Faint Heart Never Won Fair Lady (Ghant)

*faint heart never won fair lady/maiden definition: used to tell someone that they must make a lot of effort if they want to achieve something difficult. Learn more.*

### 4: Iolanthe by W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan

*But faint heart never won fair lady nor tasty pay-out so it may pay to take a walk on the wild side once more this weekend in the hope that what happened in Europe in midweek will be mirrored closer to home.*

### 5: faint heart never won fair lady - Italian translation - www.enganchecubano.com English-Italian dictionary

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### 6: Who said faint heart never won fair maiden

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*"Faint heart never won fair lady," win the advice of a friend to Mr. Child, the son of a brewer, who sought the hand of the lady.' "Well, faint heart ne'er won fair maiden, or so the sayin' goes Rennalt, 'you had better make this one a good one!'."*

### 7: Faint Heart never won fair maiden? in The AnswerBank: Phrases & Sayings

*Faint Heart Never Won Fair Lady. Ne'er could win and never should. If you love a lady bright, Seek, and you shall find a way; All that love would say "to say."*

### 8: W. S. Gilbert quote: Faint heart never won fair lady! Nothing venture, nothing win

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### 9: faint heart | Definition of faint heart in English by Oxford Dictionaries

*To be faint of heart is to be timid, lacking in courage. The expression has been around for a very long time and so has the proverb, "Faint heart ne'er won fair lady," which also has counterparts in other languages.*

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