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# Columbus Day

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In fourteen hundred ninety-two

Columbus sailed the ocean blue.

He had three ships and left from Spain;

He sailed through sunshine, wind and rain.

He sailed by night; he sailed by day;

He used the stars to find his way.

A compass also helped him know

How to find the way to go.

*Ninety sailors were on board;*

*Some men worked while others snored.*

*Then the workers went to sleep;*

*And others watched the ocean deep.*

Day after day they looked for land;

They dreamed of trees and rocks and sand.

October 12 their dream came true,

You never saw a happier crew!

*"Indians! Indians!" Columbus cried;*

*His heart was filled with joyful pride.*

*But "India" the land was not;*

*It was the Bahamas, and it was hot.*

The Arakawa natives were very nice;

They gave the sailors food and spice.

Columbus sailed on to find some gold

To bring back home, as he'd been told.

*He made the trip again and again,*

*Trading gold to bring to Spain.*

*The first American? No, not quite.*

*But Columbus was brave, and he was bright.*