

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.

Note:

The structure and punctuation of the original poem have been modified in order to provide complete sentences for educational purposes.