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 snores. Then the workers went to sleep and others watched the ocean deep.

Day after day they looked for
In 1492

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
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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.