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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.

Note:

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