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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.