

Excerpts from Paul Revere's Ride by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Choose one or more stanzas to use with students

1. *Listen my children and you shall hear
Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,
On the eighteenth of April, in Seventy-five;
Hardly a man is now alive
Who remembers that famous day and year.*
2. *One if by land, and two if by sea;
And I on the opposite shore will be,
Ready to ride and spread the alarm*
3. *Meanwhile, his friend through alley and street
Wanders and watches, with eager ears,
Till in the silence around him he hears...
The sound of arms, and the tramp of feet,...
Marching down to their boats on the shore.*
4. *On the opposite shore walked Paul Revere....
A second lamp in the belfry burns.*
5. *The fate of a nation was riding that night;*
6. *So through the night rode Paul Revere;
And so through the night went his cry of alarm*
7. *Through all our history, to the last,...
The people will waken and listen to hear...
The midnight message of Paul Revere...*