CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS
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Christopher Columbus was an Italian
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Christopher Columbus was a sailor we know
There were so many places that he wanted to go

Some people thought the world was flat but Christopher knew
The world was round and he’d go out and he’d prove it too.
Now Christopher, he wanted to go to India
He needed ships and sailors so he went to King John
But Portugal could not give him the ships that he needed
Off he went to Spain...to Isabella he’d plead.

The Nina, and the Pinta and the Santa Maria
Were the 3 ships that Columbus got from Spain’s queen
The crew came from the prisons and from intrepid souls...
Columbus was the only one who WANTED to go...

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In August, 1492 Columbus set sail....
His hopes were high because he knew that he could not fail...
As time went on the food got sparse, the water got low...
The crew wanted to go back but Columbus said no...

A mutiny was in store but Christopher said "OK....
If we don’t see land in 3 days, you’ll all get your way...."
The next day signs of land appeared and Christopher knew...
That land was near...The crew relaxed, ‘cause they knew it too...

They found some men and since they thought they’d found India
He thought that gold and spices would be soon rounded up...
He called the people Indians, then took them back home...
But interesting though they were, people said "Where’s the gold?"

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The first of 4 trips started out a promising phase...
The last of 4 trips broke him and he died in disgrace...
But now we know he found us not a way to the east
But a new land where hope abides and man find peace....

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