

Scene 5

Students 1-5 Eva, Daisy, Bianca, Ivy, Zohe

Betsy Ross - Nora

John Jay - Hakeem

Patrick Henry - Alice

Rachel Revere - Lara

Paul Revere - Lius

Revere Children - Andy, Akshanth, Shelly, Alice

Student 1: I can't believe the colonists destroyed all that tea.

Betsy: Yes. In Maryland, they burned an entire ship ~ the tea and all the rest of it's cargo.

Student 2: King George must have been mad!

Betsy: Oh, the English were really getting their threads in a tangle. They closed Boston Harbor, put restrictions on town meetings and trials for officials who killed colonists were moved to England.

John Jay: (entering, holding cloth, looking exasperated) Betsy Ross! Betsy Ross! I'm so glad you're home.

Betsy Ross: John Jay! You look like you're about to bust a stitch!

Jay: I've been trying to knit a sweater for my dachshund and something has gone terribly wrong.

(He holds up a cloth ~ it's an oven mitt)

Betsy: Oh, my! Let me take a look at that.

Student 3: But Betsy, what did we do after the British shut Boston Harbor?

John Jay: Why, we called the First Continental Congress.

Student 4: Were you there, Mr. Jay?

Jay: Sure was. Fifty five men gathered including John and Sam Adams, George Washington and Patrick Henry.

(Patrick Henry rushes in, poses and shouts dramatically)

Patrick Henry: I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death. (Freezes in a pose for a few seconds and then leaves the stage)

Student 5: Wow! Wasn't that Patrick Henry?

Betsy: Don't encourage him children or he'll just keep doing it.

Student 1: Did all the colonists want independence?

Jay: Well, at that point, most of us just wanted the legislation repealed. We called for a complete boycott of all British goods. But when our petitions were rejected, we began to collect muskets.

Student 2: And that's when the British decided to send troops from Boston to seize weapons and arrest colonial leaders, right?

Jay: And this the famous ride of Paul Revere.

Betsy: Paul Revere? Sweet boy. I think I once darned a horse for him.

(They exit. Paul and Rachel enter in their pajamas)

Paul: (racing around) The Redcoats are coming! The Redcoats are coming!

Rachel: Calm down, Paul. It's nearly midnight! You'll wake the kids.

Kids: (entering) We're awake! The Redcoats are coming!

Rachel: Sit down, children. Your father is a bit nervous.

Paul: Of course I'm nervous! The British are heading out of Boston, coming to arrest our colonial leaders and take our weapons and supplies.

Rachel: Are they coming by land or sea?

Paul: I don't remember. I think it's two lanterns if by land, one if by sea. Or maybe it's one by land and two by sea. I think three means they are coming by blimp.

Rachel: Take it easy, Paul. You have to go warn the people of Lexington and Concord.

Paul: (dramatically) Yes! I must go at once!

(He races off, still in his pajamas)

Song #6 Ride on Paul Revere

(Rachel Revere solo on verse 1)

(Revere children small group on verse 2)

(Paul Revere spoken solos)