The Boston Tea Party

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Boston, Britain, a dance, a chilling song in the morning breeze

To and fro, the rustling of autumn leaves

An alarming tiding called across the mist

This story starts when the air is frost kissed

Just as winter and spring, so close and yet so far

So different and yet all from the same jar

Ever changing, ever playing this game

Back, and forth, back and forth, back and forth, each is just a name

A swaying branch in a storm, when will it snap, where will it break, how long can we stand?

Together the branches, apart just twigs, held in the hand of a single man

Kindling to a growing fire in the souls of man and beast

Watching, waiting for its time to spring forth - war from the east

A disaster in the making, one to many hit

Just one thing to push us to quit

But we will stand against the fall

Strong together we climb the wall

They say 'the barrier is now down now,

All there's left to do is to take this town out'

Our people protest, whaling in the streets

Hoping waiting for the time to retreat

But fearsome leaders and a fiercer force, anger

Captures the colonies, together an anchor

Patrolling danger through the streets

Lobsterbacks are not able to keep the peace

Marching, marching, endlessly these red coat soldiers march relentlessly

They thought they would ease the protest

But to their disgust they started the fire that startled the world to unrest

The troops, they marched, and laws they enforced

But nothing they could do would stop this growing force

One lonely night, the raucous town,

The sons of liberty decided to shut them down

Three ships of Britain's finest East India tea,

Stuck at Boston's port unable to leave

The sons of liberty gathered in the town square

To welcome the rebellion they prepare

Those ships must go, or the growing anger they will stoke

We will overcome anyone who could oppose

Dressed as mohawks, the colonists face no loss

Not a one rebel is lost

The minutemen gather at Griffin's wharf, splitting in three, the three ships, they soon dwarf

Into the darkness the recruits morph

The Beaver, Dartmouth, and Elanor emptied in three hours

This cup of tea suddenly sours

Ridding them of their precious cargo, to the British's great sorrow

Retribution they will face on the morrow

342 chests of tea muddying the waters of Boston harbor, everyone has seen

On the eave of dawn, the rising mourn

The whole state of Massachusetts facing Britain's scorn

Small boats, shallops rowed the waters, beating the tea down, keeping it from marauders

Not one man is captured, thanks to our sons and daughters

Plundered and emptied these ships take their leave

Back to Britain, no one grieves