**Excerpt from “Paul Revere’s Ride”**

**by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**

**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.**

**He said to his friend, "If the British march   
By land or sea from the town to-night,   
Hang a lantern aloft in the belfry arch   
Of the North Church tower as a signal light,--   
One if by land, and two if by sea;   
And I on the opposite shore will be,   
Ready to ride and spread the alarm   
Through every Middlesex village and farm,   
For the country folk to be up and to arm."**

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