Christopher Columbus (1960) by Young People's Records

Five hundred years ago There were people on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean But neither knew about the other On the Western side, our side The people had reddish brown skins And lived in huts, or wigwams On the (1)_____ side, in Europe The people were white skinned They had learned how to build Houses and large sailing ships But they still didn't know much About the rest of the world In fact, most of them believed the earth was flat Then one day A mapmaker named Christopher Columbus Had an idea Do you know what? I think the world isn't flat at all I think it's round, like a ball Did you hear what he said? Did you hear what he said? He said that the world is round! He's crazy. He's mad. He's insane! I think the world isn't flat at all I think it's round, like a ball The world is flat as the brim of your hat And that is very plain

I know that I'm right

Oh, I know that I'm right



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When I say that the world is round		
Oh, I'm right You're wrong I'm right		
My thinking is sound		
And I'll prove the world's round		
It won't take very long!		
But it did take long, seven long years		
Before Columbus (2) convince a King or a Queen		
To let him try out his idea		
Then, Queen Isabella of Spain		
Agreed to supply the ships and men for his trip		
I will discover a shortcut to India		
And bring back some of the great wealth I find there		
And I can do it, for I know the world is round		
And instead of going east to India		
I shall sail (3) and reach India around the (4) way		
It will be a (5) and cheaper way		
For I'll do it all by sea		
Queen Isabella (6) Columbus with three ships		
The Niña, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria		
And on August 3rd, 1492		
They set sail across the unknown Atlantic		
High on the foaming tide		
Over the ocean		
Onward our ships will ride		
Onward my sailors		
The ships sailed onward		
But two long months after they started		
There was still no sign of land ahead		
Turn back, Columbus Turn back, Columbus		
We'll not turn back until we (7) India		



By October 10th, the sailors and the crew

Were ready to take matters into their own hands

If Columbus won't do as we ask

We'll put him in chains

And we'll turn the ships around ourselves

Wait! Have you heard?

One of our men has just seen a branch in the ocean

What of it?

It had fresh berries on it

That means we're near land

Hurray!

Two days later, the ships reached land

And Columbus and his crew saw the people

With reddish brown skins, who lived there

Oh, I think it is rather surprising

That they should have reddish brown skins

But now since we have landed in India

Then these people must be Indians

We'll call this part of India, San Salvador

And I take possession of it

In the name of the King and Queen of Spain

The people Columbus called Indians

Were very friendly

And they gave Columbus and his men many gifts

But not the rich (8)__ _____ and gold

For which they had come

For Columbus wasn't really in India, at all

He was on one of the islands

Off the coast of America



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But because of Col	umbus' mistake

The natives of America Have been called Indians, ever since Columbus visited other islands near San Salvador Looking for the great wealth of India And then he, and some of his men, returned to Spain Hurray! Hurray! Hurray for Admiral Christopher Columbus! Hurray! Hurray! Columbus had no trouble Getting ships and men for his second voyage But he still hadn't the slightest idea That he was headed for the vast continent of America And that he would have had to cross it And sail over the Pacific Ocean Before he could reach India by travelling west The men of Europe were no longer Afraid of the ocean Columbus made two (9)_____ voyages And other Explorers followed But each year, on October 12th We celebrate Columbus Day

The anniversary of (10)_____ day in 1492

When Columbus first sighted the land

Of the new world, America

Fill in the gaps



- 1. Eastern
- 2. could
- 3. west
- 4. other
- 5. shorter
- 6. provided
- 7. find
- 8. jewels
- 9. more
- 10. that