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School House Rock "The Shot Heard 'Round The World"

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"Hey, the British are comin'! The British are comin'!"

Now, the ride of Paul Revere Set the nation on its ear, And the shot at the Lexington heard 'round the world, When the British fired in the early dawn The War of Independence had begun, The die was cast, the rebel flag unfurled

And on to Concord marched the foe To seize the arsenal there, you know, Wakin' folks and searchin' all around So our militia stopped 'em in their tracks, At the Old North Bridge we turned 'em back And chased those Redcoats back to Boston town.

Now the shot heard 'round the world Was the start of the Revolution, The Minute Men were ready, on the move. Take your powder, take your guns Report to General Washington Hurry, men, there's not an hour to lose!

Now, at famous Bunker Hill, Even though we lost, it was quite a thrill, The rebel Colonel Prescott proved he was wise; Outnumbered and low on ammunition As the British stormed his position He said, "Hold your fire till you see the whites of their eyes!"

Though the next few years were rough, General Washington's men proved they were tough, Those hungry, ragged boys would not be beat. One night they crossed the Delaware, Surprised the Hessians in their lair, And at Valley Forge they just bundled up their feet!

And the shot heard 'round the world Was the start of the Revolution. The Minute Men were ready, on the move. Take your blanket, and take your son. Report to General Washington. We've got our rights and now it's time to prove.

Well, they showed such determination That they won the admiration Of countries across the sea like France and Spain, Who loaned the colonies ships and guns And put the British on the run And the Continental Army on its feet again.

And though they lost some battles too, The Americans swore they'd see it through, Their raiding parties kept up, hit and run. At Yorktown the British could not retreat, Bottled up by Washington and the French Fleet, Cornwallis surrendered and finally we had won!

The winner!

Hurray!

From the shot heard 'round the world To the end of the Revolution The continental rabble took the day And the father of our country Beat the British there at Yorktown And brought freedom to you and me and the U.S.A.!

God bless America, Let Freedom Ring!

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