

Lucas: My mother says the British are so angry about the tea party that they are going to punish us all.

Sarah: Let the British try to punish us. It will only unite us more!

Narrator: The next year the British pass the Intolerable Acts.

Lucas: It's been a difficult year. The Intolerable Acts have banned all loading and unloading of cargo from our harbor. My friend Paul, who was an "Indian" at the tea party, said his father can't sell his fish. He said people are afraid the British treatment of us will cause us to starve!

Belinda: Grandmother says that with the harbor closed, nearly half the colonists in Boston have lost their jobs! They can't sell or trade with the ships not able to take our cargo. Things are very hard! The British say the harbor will stay closed until the people of Boston pay for the tea that was dumped.

Lucas: And the British have taken away our rights to govern ourselves! They have banned any town meetings!

Narrator: The British also said that any soldiers doing something wrong can't be punished in Boston but will be sent back to England for trial. Colonists think this means the soldiers will get away with any crimes if they don't have to stand trial in Boston.

Sarah: Yes, things are difficult. In addition to the closing of the harbor, the British also say that soldiers can be housed in our homes and garages without our permission.

Belinda: British soldiers in our home? Can they do that, Grandmother?

Sarah: The British can try, but they only make us more determined than before to get our freedom from Great Britain!

Narrator: Within two years, "the shot heard 'round the world" would ring out on Lexington and Concord Green, and the American Revolution would begin. Patriots would be willing to die for freedom. The Boston Tea Party had been a spark which would lead to the start of a great new nation!



Song: Tea Party



The Sons of Liberty

The Sons of Liberty answer the call,
Fighting for freedom and fairness for all.
They're voices of truth, defenders of right,
They are shining Mother Liberty's light.

They carry the beacon, they clear the way
For Mother Liberty's triumphant day.
They never waver, they never submit.
The children of Liberty never quit.

They'll fight for privilege, freedom from reign,
For self-government and Liberty's gain.
Every daughter of Liberty and every son
Will stand together until freedom is won!



Tea Party



There'll be a tea party, a tea party—
It's going to be a really big night.
If the British think they can tax us for everything,
The Patriots will put up a fight.

The colonists were tired, there was a lot of
frustration—
No taxation without representation!
There were a bunch of folks in Boston that were
missing their tea,
But they wouldn't pay the taxes, everybody agreed.

There'll be a tea party, a tea party—
It's going to be a really big night.
If the British think they can tax us for everything,
The Patriots will put up a fight.

Out into the dark misty night—they did sneak
Up on board those three British boats—they did creep
There they took 342 crates of tea
And dumped them out into the sea.

Repeat verse 1