



The Boston Tea Party

Britain in debt?

What does that mean for the colonists?

I'll tell you what

Taxes, taxes, and more taxes

A tax on printed paper?

That's the Stamp Act

A tax on paint and glass and even lead?

That was due to the Townshend Acts

Are the taxes fair?

Not to the colonists

How can they be taxed?

If they aren't represented in Parliament

March 5, 1770

Do you know what that is?

The Boston Massacre

American colonists vs. British soldiers

A mob of colonists

Snowballs hitting the soldiers

An open fire on the mob

Five dead and six wounded

The taxes are repealed, the taxes are repealed

Everything but the tea tax

A boycott, a boycott, a boycott

The colonists smuggle in Dutch tea

British East India Company

It's going bankrupt

Parliament passes the Tea Act

British Tea is cheaper, but the tax is still there

Smuggled teas cost more

But the smuggling continued

A protest, a protest, a political protest

"No taxation without representation"

A protest, a protest, a political protest

On December 16, 1773
In Boston, Massachusetts
The American Colonist were angry

A protest, a protest, a political protest
Son's of Liberty
Or Native Americans
Who knows?

A protest, a protest, a political protest
They boarded the British East India Company ships
Dumped 342 chests of British tea into the Boston harbor
Marking the Boston Tea Party

A protest, a protest, a political protest
A split between colonists
Some were thrilled, some disapproved
The monarchy was inflamed

The Coercive Acts
The Intolerable Acts
Retribution for Bostonians
And colonists in general

Closing the Boston Harbor until all the tea was paid for
Requiring colonists to house British troops in their homes
Gave governmental authority to British judges
And ended elections of town officials

More taxes, more laws, more acts passed
Less freedom, less liberty
The colonists are furious
The British must mend its relationship with its colonies or they must go

The Boston Tea Party
A protest, protest, a political protest
But just the beginning of a long fight
For something the colonists didn't realize they wanted