

The Alamo

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As colonists continued their move toward the west,
Settling new land was always their quest.
Stephen Austin made plans to go ask Spain,
“May we colonize your land while the Mexicans remain?”

America planned to grow in 1821
When ideas of Texas had only first begun.
Austin was too late, what a terrible shame;
Mexico had just declared independence from Spain.

Austin was sure the Mexicans wouldn't say, “No.”
To this day they celebrate Cinco de Mayo.
Lots of land was there; Mexico was free
To sell acres to the settlers for a little fee.

Many Americans came to claim their own site;
For their crops of cotton, this soil was just right.
Mexico regretted extending the invitation,
Because Americans wanted an independent nation.

Santa Anna's army came through Texas in anger;
Their government's power was suddenly in danger.
Texans asked permission to join the United States;
Under Mexico's rule they saw a dreaded fate.

Denied requests to join, Texans started to see,
The need still remained for their country to be free.
A constitution and a flag with only one star;
At this news Santa Anna declared, “Now they've gone too far!”

He brought thousands of men to San Antonio,
In 1836 to the mission, Alamo.
Insides its walls the Texans were fortified.
They refused to surrender; 187 died.

Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie gave more than a hand.
They crossed a line that was drawn in the sand.
Famous as frontiersmen and for a knife,
Both stood for what they believed and paid the greatest price.

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General Houston and his army pledged to repay
Santa Anna for the grief of that horrible day.
They challenged his men, with great surprise;
Fierce revenge in the memory of those Texans' lives.

Texan soldiers attacked, as fast as they could go,
With the undying shout, "Remember the Alamo!"
With great joy and victory, away they all went;
Texans asked Sam Houston, "Will you be our president?"

In 1845, for many it came too late,
We added that lone star and Texas became a state.

Comments from **Trinity Christian Academy**: The third graders use this poem during their pioneer studies unit. They spend about nine weeks memorizing, with the culmination being a recitation at our special Grandparents' Chapel service just before Thanksgiving. The highlight of the recitation is when each child raises his fist and shouts, "Remember the Alamo!"

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