



SONG LYRICS FROM THE STAGE SHOW "BEN LOVES BOOKS"

## *Ben Loves Books*

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Washington crossed the Delaware  
Tom Jefferson wrote in his chair  
Betsy Ross could mend a tear  
But Ben Loves books, Ben loves books  
Our founding fathers all had their hobbies  
But Ben loves books

Tom Jefferson had much to declare  
King George was full of hot air  
John Adams was laissez-faire  
But Ben loves books  
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Our founding fathers all had their hobbies  
But Ben loves books

Paul Revere took a midnight ride  
"The Redcoats are coming!" is what he cried  
British tea went over the side

And Ben loves books  
Ben loves books  
He found a recipe for strudel  
You can bet your Yankee Doodle  
That Ben loves books

John Adams loved his Abigail  
Ahab liked to "tail" a whale  
Jill and Jack must fetch a pail  
And Ben loves books  
We cheer the hero, boo the villain  
Turn the pages  
They're all in 'em  
Ben loves books  
Ben loves books  
Ben loves books



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## *Don't Reinvent the Wheel*

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If inventors did not learn from previous inventors,  
There would be no cars, no airplanes, no cell phones, no video games.

The invention of the wheel  
Was a really big deal  
We'd have no automobile  
If someone didn't first invent the wheel

It makes sense to borrow  
I don't mean to steal  
To build on others knowledge  
Don't reinvent the wheel

An engineer or inventor  
To make ideas hatch  
Does better with a mentor  
Not creating them from scratch  
Telegraph was faster  
Than the Pony Express  
And thanks to Bell, on a cell,  
You can talk from East to West

The man who built the rocket  
Had to study brothers Wright  
And they learned from a hawk  
And what was written about flight  
I'm certain you'll agree it's so  
You only have to look  
To find what others already know  
In an invention called a book

The book is a wonderful invention!

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## *Write it Down*

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To get ideas out of you head  
Write it down, write it down, write it down  
Something interesting your teacher said  
Write it down, write it down, write it down  
Your dream last night in bed  
A recipe for bread  
Good ideas  
But no one will know it 'til you go and  
Write it down

When you're mad, get it out, you can vent  
Write it down, write it down, write it down  
Even write to the president  
Write it down, write it down, write it down  
With crayon or with ink  
Computer if you think  
You have things to say, its okay, don't delay  
Write it down

Your words may change the course of human events  
As did the Declaration of Independence

So write it down, write it down,  
Write it down, write it down,  
Write it down, write it down,  
Write it down, write it down,  
Write it down



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## *Heroes of the Future*

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You are the Geologists  
You are the Biologists  
Physicians  
Mathematicians  
Oceanographers  
Astronomers  
Engineers  
The Pioneers  
Who will face the new frontiers  
And find the cures  
You are the heroes  
Of the future

Those whose write  
Plant the seeds  
Shine the light  
For anyone who reads  
Knowledge is what a champion needs