

## **FIFTY-SIX MEN**

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Fifty-six men from thirteen places  
declared “enough” to a *crazy* king.  
Families had settled in free, open spaces  
only to find their necks in the same ring.

Battles raging, colonists dying,  
taxes levied, civil rights ignored:  
Certain laws they were defying,  
reasonable citizens now deplored.

When a unanimous declaration  
those fifty-six voted to draw,  
thirteen became one united, free nation,  
under fair, but common, law.

Arguments hail and hearty,  
flew about the hall;  
before creating any political party,  
they *penned* a tyrant to the wall.

Now we celebrate each summer  
rebellious acts of long ago:  
proud parades of fife and drummer,  
for fifty-six men who struck a blow.

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