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*THE SLIDE OF PAUL REVERE.*

What means that cry of a man dead sore?  
"Am I too late? Say, what's the score?"  
And echo answered both far and near,  
As the rooters shouted: "There's Paul Revere!"

O how sweetly that moon did shine  
When P. Revere took the coaching line!  
He woke up the grandstand from its trance  
And made the bleachers get up and dance;  
He joshed the British with robust shout  
Until they booted the ball about.  
He whooped and he clamored all over the lot,  
Till the score was tied in a Gordian knot.

Now, in this part of the "Dope Recooked"  
Are the facts which history overlooked—  
How Paul Revere came to bat that night  
And suddenly ended the long-drawn fight;  
How he singled to center, and then straightaway  
Dashed on to second like Harry Bay;  
Kept traveling on, with the speed of a bird,  
Till he whizzed like a meteor, rounding third.  
"Hold back, you lobster!" but all in vain  
The coachers shouted in tones of pain;  
For Paul kept on with a swinging stride,  
And he hit the ground when they hollered: "Slide!"

Spectacular plays may come and go  
In the hurry of Time's swift ebb and flow;  
But never again will there be one  
Like the first American "hit and run."  
And as long as the old game lasts you'll hear  
Of the midnight slide of P. Revere.



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