

What is the Underground Railroad?

The Underground Railroad was a network of safe places, called “stations,” for runaway slaves to stop on their way to freedom in the North. It went all the way to Canada.

NICKNAMED MOSES,
HARRIET TUBMAN
WAS PROBABLY THE
MOST FAMOUS
CONDUCTOR HELPING
ON THE UNDERGROUND
RAILROAD. SHE
HELPED OVER 50
SLAVES ESCAPE TO
FREEDOM. HARRIET
WAS A RUNAWAY
SLAVE.

Follow the drinking gourd,
Follow the drinking gourd,
For the old man is waiting for to carry
you to freedom
If you follow the drinking gourd

When the sun comes back and the first
quail calls,
Follow the drinking gourd,
For the old man is waiting for to carry
you to freedom
If you follow the drinking gourd

The riverbank will make a very good road,
The dead trees show you the way,
Left foot, peg foot traveling on,
Following the drinking gourd.

The river ends between two hills,
Follow the drinking gourd,
There's another tree on the other side,
Follow the drinking gourd.