

## Harriet Tubman Reader's Theatre

### CREDITS

Harriet Tubman

John (her husband)

Fordell - same person as her husband, but changes costume

Masterson 1

Narrator 1

Moses (she/her) - names are John and Freddi, just change costume

Masterson 2, 3, 4 - same person, just add a new prop to change look

Old Man, Old woman (she is speaking part) - get a person from another

group

Bob, Bob Father (not a speaking part) - get a person from another group

All characters, besides S.1. - Moses said to the King of Egypt - Let my people go. They have been slaves here in Egypt too long enough. Let my people go.

**NARRATOR 1:** Harriet Tubman was born in 1820 in Maryland. Harriet was a slave, the daughter of a slave, the granddaughter of a slave. A hundred years before, she captured a sailing vessel kidnapped her great-grandmother. Carrying her across the ocean from New Africa down to a crowded wharf in Baltimore, he sold her to the highest bidder. She had children and her children's children and their children belong to Master, especially as all his cows and pigs. But Harriet would not remain a slave. That had other plans for her life.

**Harriet:** Wake up, John. Wake up! Master's dead. They say we'll all be freed.

**John:** Please, you're always imagining things. Master's dead? You'll get a new Master.

**Harriet:** You looking pictures with you, John. I'm going to run away.

**John:** Don't be a fool, Harriet. You can't make it. Those dogs will track you down. You won't get out of the country. Then it'll go worse for you. You're not going. As your husband, I tell you to stay. The gods don't want

slaves slaves because they and without another word, leaves the cabin.

**NARRATOR 2:** Harriet knew what she had to do. She had to run away to the north to freedom there. After meeting many kind Christians along the way