



Follow the Drinking Gourd

It introduces the idea of slavery and the desire for freedom as shown that black men, women and children risk their lives to escape on the Underground Railroad.

A slave named Peg Leg Joe leads other slaves to freedom by teaching them a song instructing them to "Follow the Drinking-Gourd". The drinking gourd he refers to is the Big Dipper.

The story shows the life that slaves have to go through in fight for freedom.

- the separation of families
- the taste of human beings of southern
- the difficulties that people endured to escape
 - hiding in trees to avoid houses and secret paths
 - sleeping by day
 - walking at night sometimes without stars to guide them.
 - simple structures

Sometimes, the slaves are lucky to find good people who can:

- providing bacon and corn bread to slaves
- helping them across the Ohio River
- hiding them in the attic and frame of safe houses