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# A MOSES to HER PEOPLE



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*The boatman eyed the pair of black women suspiciously. “You just stand aside, you two; I’ll attend to your case by and by.” Inwardly, the women trembled. They knew that their forged pass could not withstand close scrutiny.*

*Harriet Tubman led young, terrified Tilly to the bow of the boat where no one else was standing. There she knelt, fixed her eyes on the water and groaned a prayer. “Oh, Lord! You’ve been wid me in six troubles; don’t desert me in the seventh!” She continued to pray as Tilly’s panic mounted.*

*Finally, the boatman came over and touched Harriet on the shoulder. Tilly thought the game was up. She would be returned to the South where she would endure a whipping and a forced marriage. Harriet would go to prison or be burned at the stake—the death one friend had predicted for her. But the boatman said, “You can come now and get your tickets.” The women breathed inward sighs of relief.*

## Harriet Tubman

**Born:** Around 1820 or '21  
in Dorchester County,  
MA

**Education:** No formal education

**Married:** John Tubman in  
1844

**Children:** None

**Died:** March 10, 1913, in  
Auburn, NY

**Quote:** “Her prayer was  
the prayer of faith and  
she expected an answer.”

## Adversity Served Its Purpose

Harriet Tubman was a slave who escaped to freedom and became a “conductor” on the Underground Railroad. Over the course of her work with the Railroad, she delivered over 300 runaway slaves into freedom in the northern United States and Canada. In fact, she was so successful that a \$40,000 reward was offered for her capture, dead or alive.