



Two if by Sea

Listen as well to this verse, because
 It describes the ride of William Dawes,
 Who on seeing the lamps in the church numbered twain
 (Not *alert Mr. Clemens*, but two), grabbed his rein,
 Bit and saddle, and (thinking his horse was an ass)
 Stole a fish and then rode it to Lexington, Mass.

William Dawes's dramatic midnight ride on fishback, of course, has been commemorated ever since through the tradition of stealing fish from the Massachusetts State House; the theft of the Sacred Cod is the best known of these, but this was only the first of many different fish that have been stolen (from both sides of the aisle) during political arguments, causing these debates to degenerate from simple **pairs of contradictory statements** into mere absurdity. (Two such thefts, affecting two unrelated arguments, have been shown below.) Half of these fish briefly exhibited the color appropriate for their side — which just served to point out the far more interesting character of each one's counterpart.

GOP

COD

We should get rid of every easily-led deer.

Marine samples must be warmer than Wesson, say.

Our nation is being deluged with tons of brass-playing lingerie enthusiasts.

Let us astonish our college graduates and seers.

If the rodents from the underworld have a surge, we are all doomed.

Name-brand items are coming from China and Mongolia, full of ink and all.

Anyone who cons a French novelist or English poet must be punished.

No one has offered Mr. Izzard wine barrels or suits.

The quaver mentioned is a point of contention among Mexican cattlemen.

Having that posed will enhance the image of the potato dish Mr. Baba adds dairy product to.

Young women have often thawed upon seeing that Boney had.

KOI

DEM

You need to cool and chill its solid counterpart.

Manic pens do not contain distilled spirits.

You rarely see people with tulips and weapons that fire bean curd.

Many of us have tossed a terrific voucher or caddie.

This high-class commercial will sell masters just fine with no trimming.

Only a reference from Prince Will's mum could get people on a ring over an extremely distant celestial object.

Mr. Dangerfield's pear is not responsible for any lasing.

We all ought to comfort the great Huron, et al.

It is wrong to damage noblemen or slums.

The government needs guile experts who crack ciphers.

We can safely tack an extra fee onto the rates once contained.

ANCHOVY BASS CARP CHAR CHUB ~~COHO~~ COHO DAB FUGU GAR GOBY HADDOCK
 HALIBUT ~~KOI~~ PERCH SARDINE SCROD SHAD SKATE SMELT SOLE TUNA