- 1. Can you hear the drums Fernando? I remember long ago Another starry night like this In the firelight Fernando You were humming to yourself And softly strumming your guitar I could hear the distant drums And sounds of bugle calls Were coming from afar
- 2. They were closer now Fernando Every hour, every minute Seemed to last eternally I was so afraid Fernando We were young and full of life And none of us prepared to die And I'm not ashamed to say The roar of guns and cannons Almost made me cry
- R: There was something in the air that night
 The stars were bright, Fernando
 They were shining there for you and me, for liberty, Fernando
 Though we never thought that we could lose
 There's no regret
 [: If I had to do the same again
 I would, my friend, Fernando:]
- 3. Now we're old and grey Fernando
 Since many years
 I haven't seen a rifle in your hand
 Can you hear the drums Fernando?
 Do you still recall the fateful night
 We crossed the Rio Grande?
 I can see it in your eyes
 How proud you were to fight
 For freedom in this land
 R: 2x