

Companeros

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The good ship Granma lies at anchor in the harbour
Waiting for the evening tide to rise and bring high water.
Bound for Cuba she must go across the Gulf of
Mexico and The Caribbean Ocean
She's carrying a human cargo 83 good companeros
Each one burning with determination to be free
Chorus

Against Batista, The Fidelistas, courage was their armour As they fought at Fidel's side with Che Guevara.
Five days out from Mexico these Companeros
Landed on the Cuban beach Los Colarados
Fidel said this year will see our country and our people free Or else we will be martyrs

We've only guns enough for 20 the enemy has arms a plenty
Meet him and defeat him and he'll keep us well supplied
Chorus

Five weeks later in the Canyon De La Rio
Fidels army was reduced to 18 Companeros
Hungry, weak and unafraid, learning revolutions trade in the high Sierra Maestre
Where the mountain winds did blow bearing seeds to sprout and sow

New crops in Cuban soil that marked the death of slavery
Chorus

Companeros, tu valaderos (Please correct if wrong - cm)
Courage was their armour as they fought at Fidel's side with Che Guevara

They made their way across the peak of El Torquino
Joined by bands of volunteers and the men from Santiago
They faced Batista's tanks and trains, drove them back across the plains, from the high Sierra Maestre
They drove the gangsters from Los Vios straight across the Cordilleros

Santa Barbra fell to Che Guevara and was free.
The fire lit on that Cuban beach by Fidel Castro
Still shines all the way to Terra del Fuego
Sparks are blown upon the breeze, people rise from off their knees when they see the night is burning.
It blazes up in Venezuela, Bolivia and Guatamala
Lights the road that we must go in order to be free