

## Christy Moore

### "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 Cordileros  
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

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