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"A New Argentina"

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Peron:

Dice are rolling, the knives are out
Would-be presidents are all around
I don't say they mean harm
But they'd each give an arm
To see us six feet underground

Eva:

It doesn't matter what those morons say
Our nation's leaders are a feeble crew
There's only twenty of them anyway
What is twenty next to millions who
Are looking to you?

All you have to do is sit and wait
Keeping out of everybody's way
We'll... you'll be handed power on a plate
When the ones who matter have their say
And with chaos installed
You can reluctantly agree to be called

Peron:

There again we could be foolish not to quit while we're
ahead
For distance lends enchantment, and that is why
All exiles are distinguished, more important, they're
not dead
I could find job satisfaction in Paraguay

Eva:

This is crazy defeatist talk
Why commit political suicide, there's no risk
There's no call for any action at all
When you have unions on your side

Workers:

Peron! Peron! Peron! Peron! Peron!

Che:

A new Argentina, the chains of the masses untied
A new Argentina, the voice of the people
Cannot be denied

Eva:

There is only one man who can lead any workers'
regime

He lives for your problems, he shares your ideals and
your dream

He supports you, for he loves you

Understands you, is one of you

If not, how could he love me?

Che & Workers:

A new Argentina, the workers' battle song

A new Argentina, the voice of the people

Rings out loud and long

Eva:

Now I am a worker, I've suffered the way that you do
I've been unemployed, and I've starved and I've hated
it too

But I found my salvation in Peron, may the nation

Let him save them as he saved me

Che:

A new Argentina, a new age about to begin

A new Argentina, we face the world together

And no dissent within

Peron:

It's annoying that we have to fight elections for our
cause

The inconvenience, having to get a majority

If normal methods of persuasion fail to win us applause

There are other ways of establishing authority

Eva:

Peron has resigned from the army and this we avow

The descamisados are those he is marching with now

He supports you, for he loves you

Understands you, is one of you

If not, how could he love me?

All:

A new Argentina, the chains of the masses untied

A new Argentina, the voice of the people

Cannot be, and will not be, and must not be denied.

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