

## **Phil Ochs**

# **"Ballad of William Worthy"**

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Well, it's of a bold reporter whose story I will tell  
He went down to the cuban land, the nearest place to  
hell  
He'd been there many times before, but now the law  
does say  
The only way to cuba is with the cia

William worthy isn't worthy to enter our door  
Went down to cuba, he's not american anymore  
But somehow it is strange to hear the state department  
say  
You are living in the free world, in the free world you  
must stay

Five thousand dollars or a five year sentence may well  
be  
For a man who had the nerve to think that travelin' is  
free  
Oh why'd he waste his time to see a dictator's reign  
When he could have seen democracy by travelin' on to  
spain?

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But somehow it is strange to hear the state department  
say  
You are living in the free world, in the free world you  
must stay  
So, come all you good travelers and fellow-travelers,  
too  
Yes, and travel all around the world, see every country  
through  
I'd surely like to come along and see what may be new  
But my passport's disappearing as I sing these words  
to you

Well, there really is no need to travel to these evil lands  
Yes, and though the list grows larger you must try to  
understand  
Try hard not to be surprised if someday you should  
hear  
The whole world is off limits, visit disneyland this year

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