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"The Marines Have Landed On The Shores Of&hellip"

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Intro:em

Em

And the crabs are crazy, they scuttle back and forth,

D dsus d

The sand is burning

Cd c d

And the fish take flight and scatter from the sight,

Em

Their courses turning

As the seagulls rest on the cold cannon nest

Ddsus d

The sea is churning.

C d c d em

The marines have landed on the shores of santo

domingo.

The fishermen sweat, they're pausing at their nets, the
days a-burning

As the warships sway and thunder in the bay, loud the
morning.

But the boy on the shore is throwing pebbles no more,
he runs a-warning

That the the marines have landed on the shores of
santo domingo.

The streets are still, there's silence in the hills, the town
is sleeping

And the farmers yawn in the grey silver dawn, the
fields they're keeping

As the first troops land and step into the sand, the
flags are weaving.

The marines have landed on the shores of santo
domingo.

The unsmiling sun is shining down upon the singing
soldiers

In the cloud dust whirl they whistle at the girls, they're

getting bolder

The old women sigh, think of memories gone by, they
shrug their shoulders.

The marines have landed on the shores of santo
domingo.

Ready for the tricks, their bayonets are fixed, now they
are rolling

And the tanks make tracks past the trembling shacks
where fear is unfolding

All the young wives afraid, turn their backs on the
parade

With babes they're holding

The marines have landed on the shores of santo
domingo

A bullet cracks the sound, the soldiers hit the ground,
the sniper is callin

So they open their guns, a thousand to one, no sense in
stalling

He clutches at his head and totters on the edge, look
how he's falling

The marines have landed on the shores of santo
domingo

In the red plaza square, the crowds come to stare, the
heat is leaning(?)

And the eyes of the dead are turning every head to the
widows screaming

The soldiers make a bid, giving candy to the kids, their
teeth are gleaming

The marines have landed on the shores of santo
domingo

Up and down the coad, the generals drink a toast, the
wheel is spinning

And the cowards and the whores are peeking through
the doors

To see whos winning

But the traitors will pretend that it's getting near the
end,

When it's beginning

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