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Unidad 3, Un paso más

"Guantanamera": La canción curiosa

PETE SEEGER Guantanamera

(Music)

(Pete) José Martí was born in 1853. When he was 17 years old, he was active in the Cuban liberation movement, he was exiled by the Spanish government, he spent most of his life in exile, including 12 years in New York City. He wrote 70 books, poetry, novels, polemics, he is one of the best writers in the Spanish language. At the age of 42, he went back to Cuba. This is one of his last poems because he was killed within a year in a warrior uprising. After he died, people put it into a popular tune:

(Song)

Guantanamera, guajira, guantanamera

Guantanamera, guajira, guantanamera

Yo soy un hombre sincero

De donde crece la palma

Yo soy un hombre sincero

De donde crece la palma

Y antes de morirme, quiero

Echar mis versos del alma

Guantanamera, guajira guantanamera

Guantanamera, guajira guantanamera

Mi verso es de un verde claro

Y de un carmín encendido

Mi verso es de un verde claro

Y de un carmín encendido

Mi verso es de un ciervo herido

Que busca en el monte amparo

Guantanamera, guajira guantanamera

Guantanamera, guajira guantanamera

(Pete) The words mean I am truthful man from the land of the palm trees, and before dying I want to share these poems of my soul. My poems are soft green, my poems are also flaming crimson, my poems are like a wounded faun seeking refuge in the forest. The last verse says “con los pobres de la tierra”, with the poop people of this earth. I want to share my fate, the streams of the mountain please me more than the see.

Con los pobres de la tierra

Quiero yo mi suerte echar

Con los pobres de la tierra

Quiero yo mi suerte echar

El arroyo de la sierra

Me complace más que el mar

Guantanamera, guajira guantanamera

Guantanamera, guajira guantanamera

(Applause)

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