



## I Come From

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I come from a street with open, solid, and cool  
*terrazzo* floor houses.

I come from a street lined with *palmas reales*.

I come from a country once abundant with *caña*,  
*tabaco* and beautiful orchids.

I come from an island surrounded by aquamarine,  
warm waters and pearly white sand.

I come from a people who sing romantic *canciones*  
and dance delicious *danzones*.

I come from a people who beat all odds  
not only the *bongos*.

I come from a culture Spanish and *mestizo*  
open, friendly and remembers José Martí.

I come from strong family ties, hard work and ethics.

I come from a place with its share of poets,  
dreamers and bad politicians.

I come from Cuba where peace and liberty  
will once again reign.