Havana

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Tropic days turn into steamy nights Stateside ways give in to appetites Panatelas under white straw hats Sit and soak, rum and cokeCuban rhythms push the night along Past the limits of what's right or wrong Hardly anyone is keepin' score Let it ride, por favorLove is the one legal tender Never in short supply Just find yourself a big spender Who will render the gender You'd like to tryBig casinos under Latin skies Valentinos with ambitious eyes Slow degrees of lazy Fahrenheit Cook the day, eat the nightSmell the money when the trade winds blow Play the slot machines, enjoy the show Spin the wheel or maybe roll the dice Welcome to paradiseToo much is never enough here There's always room for more And one of a kind calls your bluff here If your pair isn't brass better pass senorTwenty-three or so degrees Just below the Florida Keys All the tourists come to play Making mucho machismo Like HemingwayInhibitions simply melt away

Dispositions will improve they say
Maybe it's the voodoo latitude
Gives the place, attitudeWay down here we have no rules to keep
Way down here we always oversleep
Way down here we mambo all night long
Through the street, through the heat
To the beat of old Havana

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