

Ballad of William Worthy

Phil Ochs

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 C.I.A. 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? William Worthy isn't worthy to enter our door
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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 worry if someday you should hear
The whole world is off limits, visit Disneyland this year
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