

“Cortez The Killer” - by Neil Young 1975

Em
He came dancing across the water
D
With his galleons and guns
Am7
Looking for the new world
Am7*
In that palace in the sun

Em
On the shore lay Montezuma
D
With his coca leaves and pearls
Am7
In his halls he often wandered
Am7*
With the secrets of the worlds.

Em
And his subjects gathered 'round him
D
Like the leaves around a tree
Am7
In their clothes of many colours
Am7*
For the angry gods to see.

Em
And the women all were beautiful
D
And the men stood straight and strong
Am7
They offered life in sacrifice
Am7*
So that others could go on.

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Em
Hate was just a legend
D
And war was never known
Am7
The people worked together
Am7*
And they lifted many stones

Em
They carried them to the flatlands
D
And they died along the way
Am7
But they built up with their bare hands
Am7*
What we still can't do today.

Em
And I know she's living there
D
And she loves me to this day
Am7
I still can't remember when
Am7*
Or how I lost my way.

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[Outro]
Em
He came dancing across the water
D
Cortez, Cortez
Am7 Am7* Em
What a killer.

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