

# Neil Young, Cortez The Killer

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

On the shore lay Montezuma  
With his coca leaves and pearls  
In his halls he often wondered  
With the secrets of the worlds.

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

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

Hate was just a legend  
And war was never known  
The people worked together  
And they lifted many stones.

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

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

He came dancing across the water  
Cortez, Cortez  
What a killer.