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Manly men rule with their castles and guns
Why do they do it? Do they think it is fun?
With spies and soldiers and strongmen, y más
Like Colonel Carlos Castillo Armas.
Many a nation had to put up with brutes
Who cared little more than for selling their
fruits
Two Salvadores, Allende and El Met
The rulers and rebels and death squads from
hell.
No escape from this pattern, that I can tell
Unless you turn to our good friend Fidel.
No right to print, and no right to say
Makes freedom in Cuba seem far, far, away.
But say you prefer Tacho to Ortega
¿Son mejores que Manuel Noriega?
What can we learn from dictators who fight?
That two wrong wings don’t make things right.

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