Cuban Crime of Passion

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Well now Billy Voltaire was a piano player up from Miami way He used to play in the bars, he could sound like the stars

Ladies would pay and pay

One night he did wind up playin' in Havana town

Nobody knew, least Billy Voltaire that these were his final soundsHe met up with Meritta, a dancer in from the Coast

Half woman, half child, she drove him half wild

He loved that lady the most

One night he did find her in the arms of Shrimper Dan

So he pulled a knife, took poor Danny's life

And then he turned his own cold hand

Chorus:

And it's just a Cuban crime of passion

Messy and old fashioned

Yeah, that's what the papers did say

It's just a Cuban crime of passion

Anjejo and knives a slashin'

Yeah but that's what the people like to read about

Up in America, up in AmericaWell now they never found Meritta, some people say she got ill Billy Voltaire had no one to claim him, he was buried on pauper's hill

And no one talks about 'em no more, it happened just a week ago

But people get by and people get high

In the tropics they come and they go

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Up in America, up in America

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