Can you hear the drums, Fernando?
I remember, long ago, another starry night like this
In the firelight, Fernando
You were humming to yourself and softly strumming your guitar
I could hear the distant drums,
and sounds of bugle calls were coming from afar

They were closer now, Fernando
Every hour, every minute seemed to last eternally
I was so afraid, Fernando
We were young and full of life and none of us prepared to die
And I'm not ashamed to say
the roar of guns and cannons almost made me cry

There was something in the air that night The stars were bright, Fernando They were shining there for you and me For liberty, Fernando

Though we never thought that we could lose There's no regret

If I had to do the same again I would, my friend, Fernando If I had to do the same again I would, my friend, Fernando

Now we're old and grey, Fernando
Since many years I haven't seen a rifle in your hand
Can you hear the drums, Fernando?
Do you still recall the fateful night we crossed the Rio Grande?
I can see it in your eyes,
how proud you were to fight for freedom in this land

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If I had to do the same again
I would, my friend, Fernando

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If I had to do the same again I would, my friend, Fernando
Yes, if I had to do the same again
Tistend is my friend, Fernando