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Thirty years of fighting for independence
were frustrated by yanqui intervention.
Puppet regimes lead the country through
dead-end roads without hopes for the people.
The flame of liberty, however,
was kept alive through centuries.
Martí was reborn, right on his centenary,
at Moncada's garrison assault;
people's conscience was shaken, dawn
was beginning.

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At Colorada's beach, yacht Granma unloaded
its precious human cargo;
eighty two men, who were the first
receptives to dignity's call.
Fighting was enhanced at Sierra Maestra
and increased to people's size
at last, on one January first, light shone

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People, in closed ranks,
at the spring of Revolution,
gave birth to mass organizations.
Today, they have become the ties,
schools and forges
which are our brawny arms
defending our conquests.

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Unity strengthens,
the vanguards of the working class agglutinate.
Youth is our combat reserve quarry.
As in 1895,
our objectives, our willpower and our party
are the same.
Alliance of principles and achievements:
The very soul of our Revolution.

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Socialism was the answer to
the mercenary attack in the Bay of Pigs;
through fire and heroism Revolution triumphed.
American nations have been a little freer
ever since;
Today, each cuban has its post at defense and
is ready to annihilate the imperialist aggressor

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As it was time for justice,
culture and sports were no longer exclusive,
privilege of a few;
now they are available to masses;
since then, culture and sports have become
everybody's right.

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People eradicated people's illiteracy;
the country was filled up with
schools, teachers and books;
lanterns and primers paved the way
to higher goals.
Efforts keep ongoing.

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Today, health means a longer and safer
life expectancy;
hygiene and vaccines; clinics, polyclinics
and hospitals,
they represent people's guaranty of health care.
Infant mortality rates,
ranging with highly developed countries,
is a beautiful reality.
And close, next to their homes, anywhere,
the family doctor cares for their health

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People's rule:
Nothing better, because it is in itself,
from the beginning to the end, its own task.
It represents the highest voice in the
National Assembly
and its free vote, the essence of democracy.

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The whole country praises labor;
space grows in vivid ways with new dimensions;
constructions expand limitless,
they are like monuments to self creation
for everybody's welfare.
When we say: ¡wonders!,
we mean massive methods, people's methods.

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Our people has never been alone;
international revolutionary solidarity
is firm and generous.
We are grateful and we know how to evaluate
what others have done on our behalf.
Our dignity roots do not fear sacrifice;
we are ready to use our brotherly hands, so as
to pay what we owe to mankind.

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Our past, without return, is gone forever.
Socialism marks the route through our own paths;
creator of our times,
upon the foundations of its genuine history,
it goes always ahead.
THE PEOPLE: ¡EVER, FOREVER!