

### **3. Whenever Celia Sings**

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*For the great Celia Cruz, international Salsa singer and ambassador of good will.*

A little girl in Havana  
Sings her brothers and sisters to sleep  
*Senores y senoritas*  
Stop to listen, you can't hear a peep  
Except for luscious melodies  
That sound like rolling waterfalls  
And hummingbirds in mango trees  
Now all Havana's smiling

#### **Cele-bration**

**Music soars on heaven's wings**

**Sweeter than sugar (*Azucar!*)**

**Whenever Celia sings (*cuando canta Celia*)**

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The little girl grows up singing  
Joins a popular *Cubano* band  
*Sonora Mantancera*  
They spread a new music throughout the land  
She brings it to America  
New York, Miami, Hollywood  
Then Europe, Asia, Africa  
She's crowned the Queen of Salsa!

#### **Timbales! Trompetas!**

**Rhumba, mambo, jazz that swings**

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***Whenever Celia sings***

***There is dancing***

***(Cuando canta Celia)***

***Stars are beaming above***

***Whenever Celia sings***

***There is laughter***

***(Cuando canta Celia)***

***There is love***

We hear delicious melodies  
That sound like rolling waterfalls  
And hummingbirds in mango trees  
Now all the world's rejoicing!

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