

## O Canto de Esperanca

Five men, one machete  
Marching in a line  
Form a human circle  
Around an ancient pine

Disappearing pinion  
Araucaria's seed  
Fall within the circle  
Sprout into this land

Monkey of the forest  
Trapped within a cage  
Swing into the circle  
Find your former range

Child of the rua  
Watching cars for coins  
Duck beneath the circle  
Find yourself a home

Filha of the favela  
Staring from paneless frame  
Look into the circle  
See yourself a name

Mulatta of the zona  
Stripping for a meal  
Dance into the circle  
Help your wounds to heal

Gaicho riding bareback  
On an aging mare  
Leap into the circle  
Earn yourself a car

Five men form a circle  
Hand in hand in hand  
Let the circle open  
Free this fertile land

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