**Bittersweet History**

Words and Music by: Cameron Moten **Lyrics:**

Let's all travel back in time

Get a perspective from a different paradigm

Let's see what the world was like

And look at life through a brand-new set of eyes

The oldest fortress made of stone (In America)

Protects the city that the Spanish called their home

It has a story all its own

Now let's go out, and make that story known

*So come and see history*

*At the Castillo de San Marcos where history comes alive*

*And tonight we're going to party like it's 1565*

These Coquina castle walls

Water, sand, and shells that stand up to cannonballs

They remain here standing tall

Still undefeated they were made to never fall

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*We have to share the stories and the cultures of the past*

*And remember what they stood for to make sure their footprints last*

Menendez founds St. Augustine in 1565

He holds a mass and prays to God for all his men to thrive

In 1672, the builders laid the first stone

Of the castle fort sailing port to help protect their home

In 1702 the English try their first siege

After many days and nights, the English get beat

Finally, the Spanish trade the fort in a treaty

It was never captured in a war but always traded neatly

After the American Revolution where the English were defeated

They returned the fort to Spain before they packed up and retreated

Then the Spanish gave the fort to the U.S.A.

And we still have it now where it stands today

The Castillo de San Marcos has truly left his mark

It's a place that you can visit called a national park

When you go there help protect it and make sure to keep it clean

It's the coolest place to visit here in Saint Augustine

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