

Drinking in Ernest

For whom does the bell toll? Well, for starters, winter. And what are we left with? The torrents of spring. Here's the point: With the onset of warmer weather, Papa knew what he wanted to cool down with. But one needn't travel to Cuba like Hemingway did to procure this potion. We are, of course, referring to the Mojito (moe-hee-toe). A Cuban classic that originated in Havana, this refreshing little libation is still



trendy enough to inspire a hot cha-cha. Simply follow this short story to get you started:

1½ to 2 oz. white Bacardi rum	8–12 mint leaves
2 T. simple syrup (or 4 t. sugar)	Club soda
Half of a lime, sliced	

In a tall glass, muddle the mint leaves, syrup and juice of half a lime. Add crushed ice to fill glass, add rum and stir. Top with club soda. Start dancing. Note: The sun also rises, so pace yourself throughout the night. —Ken Cutler



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