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MEXICAN MUSIC: THREE FUN SONGS FOR CHILDREN*

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Abstract

Some traditional songs from Mexico that should appeal to young children of all cultures.

Children love to sing silly songs. Here are three traditional songs from Mexico with catchy tunes and silly lyrics that should appeal to young children. All three songs appear in Florence Botsford's 1922 book Folk Songs of Many Peoples (Volume 2), and so are considered to be in the public domain in the U.S.

Suggested Uses

- Perform at a concert featuring songs from around the world
- Learn in music class for fun
- Include in a social studies unit on Mexico

Performance Notes

- If you can't read music, listen to the music files provided to learn the tunes.
- PDF files of the music are provided below. Those will probably give you the best printed copies of the music, but if you cannot download them, there are figures at the end of this module that you can print copies of.
- You can sing either Spanish or English lyrics, or both.
- I had to guess on the placement of the Spanish lyrics, as they were not in the score in Ms. Botsford's book. Some had to be squeezed in, eliding the vowels as is sometimes done when Spanish is sung, and I know some of the resulting accents (in the lyrics) are off. I would welcome suggestions for improvements from someone more familiar with Spanish, particularly if you have actually sung any of these songs.
- A "close enough" pronunciation guide for English speakers who don't know how to pronounce Spanish: "a" as in "hall", "e" as in "let", "i" as in "machine", "o" as in "hope", "u" as in "rule", "qu" sounds like "k", "j" sounds like "h", and "c" sounds like "s" if it's followed by an "e" or an "i".

PDF files

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¹See the file at http://cnx.org/content/m12599/latest/PollParrot.pdf

²See the file at http://cnx.org/content/m12599/latest/PollParrot2.pdf

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Listen to the music

- The Poll Parrot⁷
- To Jerez We Will Go⁸
- The Gruel⁹

 $^3 See$ the file at $<\!\! \text{http://cnx.org/content/m12599/latest/ToJerez1.pdf}\!\!>$

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⁷See the file at http://cnx.org/content/m12599/latest/PollParrot.MID

 $^8 \mathrm{See}$ the file at $<\!\!\mathrm{http://cnx.org/content/m12599/latest/Jerez.MID}\!\!>$

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The Poll-Par rot

Traditional Mexican



Figure 1



Figure 2

To Jerez We Will Go

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Figure 3



Figure 4

The Gruel

Traditional Mexican





Figure 5

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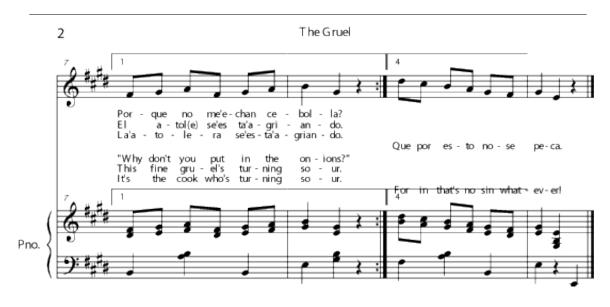


Figure 6

NOTE: Thanks to everyone who participated in the survey! It was very useful to me, both as a researcher and as an author, to get a better picture of my readers' goals and needs. I hope to begin updating the survey results module¹⁰ in April. I will also soon begin making some of the suggested additions, and emailed comments are still welcome as always.

^{10&}quot;A Survey of Users of Connexions Music Modules" http://cnx.org/content/m34234/latest/