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SONGS ALL SPANISH STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW

From Stuff for Spanish Class

Here is a collection of songs that you will want students need to hear and sing before they leave each level of Spanish. *YouTube* renderings of these songs are found on the links below. Lyrics, guitar chords, notes and graphics for most of these songs can be found in the book *Songs for Spanish Class*, and can be purchased on <https://www.brycehedstrom.com/> as an e-book download.

When you pre-teach some of the vocabulary before listening and singing, songs become an ideal teaching tool. They become interesting, repeated, comprehensible input—ideal for acquisition. Build up a repertoire with your students and before long you will be able to sing with them the whole class period!

These songs are traditional folksongs, standards in Spanish culture, beloved children's songs or enduring modern popular songs. All are part of Hispanic culture and/or the general Spanish class experience. Nothing new or trendy here, these are the enduring songs that you can use again next year.

Songs All Spanish I Students Need to Know:

- Buenos Días** *(Basic Greetings, lots of repetition)*
(Frere Jacques Tune)
Little kid singing: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITb_eCchqOk
Piano/Flute Instrumental: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CILmYXGC6HA>
- Cabeza, Hombros, Rodillas y Pies** *(Body parts, gets them moving, familiar and fun)*
(Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes)
From Costa Rica: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oA774vLgzFY&feature=related>
Karaoke w lyrics: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q8VWafm8ycM&feature=relmfu>
- El Joqui Poqui** *(Body parts, gets them moving, familiar and fun)*
(The Hokey Pokey)
Karaoke w lyrics: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qUnf1glW7_M&feature=relmfu
Babytvchannel.com: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dOIK0L1BH5c&feature=related>
- Tío Pancho** *(Vowel sounds, animal sounds)*
(Old MacDonald)
Karaoke: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SZg4kly7E0I>
- Pin Pon** *(Authentic children's song; reflexive verbs; referred to in the Spanish version of "Shrek")*
Version w simple graphics: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F61K0f7OZeY>
Gingerbread Man mentions Pin Pon in Shrek: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ZAbKxzjH6c>
- De Colores**
Pete Seeger: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VKHeWxPvpkE>
- Cumpleaños Feliz / Sapo Verde**



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(Happy Birthday Song)

Pillino el Payasito: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ljSLgwlpNVw>

Honduran versión: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ayZCCsSSWiw&feature=related>

8. **Las Mañanitas**

Pedro Infante: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YVgRSHJkdMg&feature=related>

Dora the Explorer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h5DUcqINfeo&feature=related>

9. **Eres Tú**

Justo Lamas w lyrics: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJvUWebwKts>

Moedades: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q1JXwb80lvi>

10. **One Semester of Spanish Spanish Love Song**

Subtitled in English & Spanish: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9227IDYhVKU>

Spanish I Alternatives / Extras

11. **Los Pollitos**

(Simple authentic children's song. Good basic vocabulary in the present tense)

Guia Infantil: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_4y6PEWhGmE

12. **Hay un amigo en mi** (simple version)

(This was in Toy Story 3—takes advantage of familiarity and popularity. Basic vocabulary)

Toy Story 3 opening: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b7gYadhs6mk>

Simple version Lyrics: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9gfMuvy5qll>

Simple version: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-xAWE-4tkM>

Buzz & Jessie dancing: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjDu0muYpVY>

13. **Naranja Dulce**

Rondas Infatiles: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OKT91CEG74E>

Homer Simpson: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jg1lIntXNIY&feature=related>

14. **Arroz con leche**

Version w simple graphics: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2AUE4CBDeOY>

Songs All Spanish II Students Need to Know:

1. **La Bamba**

(Students will have heard it and will want to know what it means)

Karaoke: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-vkgIwu4MLc&feature=related>

Richie Valens version w/lyrics: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NH9K5YTR2k4&feature=related>

2. **La Araña Pequeñita**

(Fun, familiar, active, preterite)

W lyrics: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cNqaNes7NtE>

W lyrics and graphics: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03IS9ZKzoRc>

3. **El Barco Chiquito**

(Numbers, repetitive, imperfect and preterit)



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Claudia de Colombia: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUU-qNqMsQE>

Cuento Cuentos Salvat: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zmgG06q53As&feature=related>

4. **Los Elefantes** (*Numbers, active, inclusive, imperfect and preterit, reinforces past tense*)
Cuidado Infantil: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZxQMsG2OXM&feature=related>
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G_pll2k9Xho
5. **La Cucaracha** (*Classic Mexican folksong*)
Mariachi versión (fast): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u0nQMgaJibc>
W lyrics (not standard version): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iOFRu5Jx3Fc>
Edited version: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gAy7vvi5qT8&feature=related>
6. **La Rana debajo del Agua** (*Simple, repetitive, reinforces past tense*)
Simple versión w guitar: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YyHlgB8XCaA>
Los Xey: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ny6_kLxgN-8
7. **María Isabel** (*Romantic, imperfect and preterit, la playa!*)
Los Payos (con letra): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fe-wVPawbys&feature=related>
Karaoke versión: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0MV1jmWk_H8&feature=related
8. **Cielito Lindo** (*Classic folksong, romantic, well-known, even in the U.S.*)
Karaoke versión: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dtp-6ciGXqo>
Mariachi Vargas: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yjDv1leF8I>
9. **El Rancho Grande** (*Classic folksong, romantic, well-known, even in the U.S.*)
Jorge Negrete: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PoK_xTlw6DU
Freddy Fender: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0kE9gISp1y4>
Gene Autry: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HgYFW10GKeU>

Songs All Spanish III Students Need to Know:

1. **La Llorona** (*Classic folksong, ties in with the legend*)
Joan Baez: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ZsCRrWrNol&feature=related>
From the movie Frida: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XCUddHPYvCY>
Yolanda Ortega: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aIWq_fQyPAQ
2. **Guantanamera** (*Classic folksong, romantic, well-known, even in U.S.*)
Pete Seeger: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X5JLCAIJLJ8>
Julio Iglesias: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zuqFFpt3g_s
3. **Sabor a mí** (*Classic folksong, romantic, well-known, even in U.S.*)
Trío los Panchos: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qg_L54DW69U
Luis Miguel: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lexQjTx4oRc>
4. **Que será** (*Classic folksong, romantic, NOT the Doris Day song*)



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Girl w guitar: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sq8FJQZdC5A>

Diego Torres: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tG3hhuBnB3E>

José Feliciano: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oGvsvCnAG9s&feature=related>

5. **Reloj**

Luis Miguel: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8be5pmO_G_M

Los Panchos: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRLDq1KgZPg>

Los Pasteles Verdes: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bf76o9iiNug&feature=related>

José Feliciano: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KG3vvpthh4w>

6. **Bésame mucho**

Univision's "Song of the Century", Spanish students gotta know it!

Andrea Bocelli: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQXWaiENNKw>

American Idol version: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XA0BH5eWH0w>

Guitar instrumental: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5aOj2xYEYE>

7. **Piel canela**

A standard in Spanish admiring the beauty of caramel-colored skin

Eydie Gorme y Trio Los Panchos: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dxl4MGRwjWo>

Bobby Capo: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hhNPzLLv4I8>

8. **Gatatumba**

An authentic Christmas song from Spain

Instrumental: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fuuFkFLpZfQ>

Middle School Choir: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1tFtSAwkdL4>

9. **Ojalá que llueva café**

Juan Luis Guerra: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uJimpth-yNs>

Voice w guitar: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=54js8uzNIKM>

10. **Volaré**

The Gypsy Kings sang this on Dancing with the Stars;

and also for the ending credits of Toy Story 3; future tense.

Gypsy Kings w Toy Story video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PL_EK-MLzsQ

Gypsy Kings in Spain: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oNgSeJzLJFc>

Spanish III Alternatives / Extras

11. **El Condor Pasa**

Plácido Domingo: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-qmOKsDb3AY>

12. **El Rey**

Vicente Fernández classic: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1tFtSAwkdL4>

Luis Miguel: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqN3RG0jvY8&feature=related>