Los Lobos, Corrido For Papa Lalo

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Long ago before the TV was invented When Papa Lalo and his friends were still young people They had a guitar that was old and kind of dented And they learned to sing these songs we call corrido

The corrido is a way of telling stories Of what we do and how we dream and who we see Of famous people, crazy times and even worries And sometimes special folks like you and me

[Chorus:]

Now it's our turn to make a rhyme for Papa Lalo And as we sing I'll play the song on my guitar It doesn't matter if the song is good or malo 'Cause just to sing it makes you feel just like a star

Our Papa Lalo made a blimp from wool and tires It's so big it almost covers the whole sky And then he filled it full of air with mom's hair dryer We were amazed when Papa showed us it could fly

[Chorus]

Up in the air we could touch the clouds and feel the breeze We see the grass and hils and people down below We're flying south so we can meet our Papa's family It's Lalo's birthday and we're going to Mexico

[Chorus]