

Sesame Street, Hola Means Hello

Luis: Each time we meet
At work or the street
We always say "hello";
But you say

Maria: "Hola";

Luis: And I say, "hola";

Both: It's a word that we both know
"Hola"; means "hi";
"Hello";, not "goodbye";
Why, everywhere you go

Maria: The girls say "hola";

Luis: The boys say "hola";

Both: 'Cause "hola"; means "hello";

(they dance as background voices oooh and ahhh)

Both: It's not just a fad
Tell Mommy and Dad
That "hola";'s what to say

Luis: So try an "hola";

Maria: Repeat, say "hola";

Both: Tell them "hola";'s here to stay

Maria: Latins from Alaska
Or from Spain or Saint Nebraska
All say "hola"; when they mean "hello";

Luis: Latins from Havana
Or Detroit or Old Montana
Know that's just how the old greeting goes

Both: Latins from Queens and the hip Argentines
Say "hola"; when greeting each other
We know the way, we can all say
"Hola, what's happening, brother?";

Take it from us
And don't make a fuss
We want you in the know
So just say "hola";
Come on, say "hola";
Say "hola"; instead of "hello";