

Key G, first note D(low so)
a cappella count-in: 1 and 2 and 3 La ...

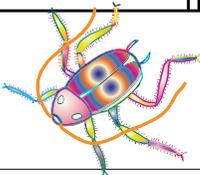
La Cucaracha

Spanish
then Mexican
1400s
new words: LJ Clare
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La cu-ca-ra-cha, la cu-ca-ra-cha,

1. you are tee-ny, ti-ny bug. You like to play here, you like to
2. I would like you quite a lot, if you weren't right here, in-side my
(ya no pue-de ca-min-ar, por-que le fal-te, por-que no

sway here, when you dance up-on my rug.
sight here, and moved to an-oth-er spot.
tien-e, un-a pa-ta para an-dar.)



Like many children's songs, La Cucaracha had its origins in political satire. Verses have been written from the time of the Granada War in 1492 to the time of the Mexican revolution in the early 1900s. In its most popular form the last line may be "una pata para andar" (a leg to walk on), "la patita principal" (the front leg) or "patas para caminar (legs to walk with). Cockroaches are found all around the world and vary in size from "teeny tiny" to as large as a mouse (Afghanistan). Pixar transformed the cockroach from being a pest to being a treasured friend in the movie Wall-E.

Music & Movement/Dance La Cucaracha

6 I'm going to play a different song. Listen for its mood." (Play "La Cucaracha" from the CD, then repeat the pattern from Step 2.)

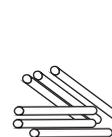
7 "There's something else different in this song. Did you hear it?" (Spanish sung)

8 Post the words for this song --review them with the students. Ask students to use their magic lips (mouths move but no sound) to sing the words as they listen to the CD again.

9 **Good listening.** In Latin America where this song comes from, there's a dance that goes "Cha cha cha!" (Do a little "cha cha cha" movement with hands and feet.) When I say, "Go," stand up and when the music is playing we'll listen for the places to do the "Cha cha cha!" There are simple, logical places to add three steps for the "cha cha cha." Help your students find them by modeling as the music plays. Students may sing, or simply listen and "cha cha cha."



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10 "La Cucaracha" cries out for percussion instruments. Today, just for fun, make a joyful noise. Give out a variety of percussion instruments (shakers, a tambourine, drums, rhythm sticks, spoons). Let students sing, dance and play their instruments to the CD music or the DVD videosong.

New Repertoire



Poor Little Bug La Cucaracha

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