

7. Cinco de Mayo

Words and Music by Hap Palmer

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We honor the culture of Mexico
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To a fiesta we'll
Go, go, go, la, la, la, la, la,
Go, go, go, la, la, la, la, la,
Go, go, go, la, la, la, la, la,
Go, go, go -

We celebrate the rich traditions of the people of Mexico
Dancing through the streets as the Mariachi trumpets
blow (*Instrumental*)

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Go, go, go, la, la, la, la, la,
Go, go, go, la, la, la, la, la,
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Celebramos con alegría la cultura de Mexico
Bailando en las calles con musica y buena comida

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Go, go, go, la, la, la, la, la, go!

Move and dance as you sing. Create your own motions or try these:

Verse 1: Sway from side to side and snap your fingers on beats 2 and 4.

*Verse 2: "Go, go, go, ..." Touch your knees, stomach and shoulders
"La, la, la, la, la," Shake your hands high in the air.*

Verse 3: Find all the ways you can jump and hop in place.

Repeat verses 1, 2, 3, 1 and end with verse 2 followed by 3 quick claps.

Cinco de Mayo is celebrated in the United States and in Mexico, primarily in the state of Puebla. Mexican Americans often see the day as a source of pride; one way they can honor their ethnicity is to celebrate this day. The date is observed to commemorate the Mexican army's unlikely victory over French forces at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. In the United States, Cinco de Mayo has grown in popularity and evolved into a celebration of Mexican culture and heritage.

