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Spain’s colonialist endeavors in México (New Spain) and Perú count among the most profound cultural collisions in world history. Utopian yet genocidal, multiethnic yet intrinsically racist, these imperial projects produced a fascinating, diverse and still largely misunderstood artistic legacy that points to the many contradictions embodied by vice-regal society.

European music making first arrived in the Americas as liturgical plainchant and throughout the ensuing three century vice-regal period, the Catholic Church remained the primary patron of formal, notated music in European styles. As early as the mid-sixteenth century, cathedral chapel-masters such as Hernando Franco were writing austere choral polyphony reminiscent of Roman and Spanish church music, and subsequent generations of composers kept abreast of changing European styles by means of imported manuscripts and immigrant musicians.

A unique aspect of earlier Hispanic church music is the para-liturgical repertoire in vernacular languages. In the earliest layer of music – that written before about 1630 – indigenous languages such as Nahuatl (in central México) and Quechua (in the Peruvian altiplano) appear in musical texts, including some by Gaspar Fernandes, not necessarily as a strategy for conversion, but rather as music for performance in religious communities that spoke those languages. In fact, the first polyphonic piece printed in the New World was Hanacpachap cussicuinin, which appeared in a Peruvian liturgical book in 1631.

The most characteristic vernacular genre was the villancico, an ingenious literary tradition in which religious stories were told in innovative and dramatic ways. Villancicos, especially those that tell of the humility of Christ’s birth, adopt popularizing poetic tropes derived from the Madrid theater. Composers such as Juan Gutiérrez de Padilla, a malagueño who worked in Puebla, sometimes matched the poetic tone by using contemporary dance forms and rhythms as allegorical representation.

From the late sixteenth through early eighteenth centuries, the musical ensembles at New Spanish and Peruvian churches featured all male choirs with continuo groups of guitars, harps, organs, bassoons (dulcians) and viols.

~ Drew Edward Davies, Northwestern University
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Late 16th & 17th Century New Spain

I
Hanacpachap cussicuinin (Processional) Anonymous
Perú, 1631
Sancta Maria e in ilhuicac (chanzoneta) Anonymous, New Spain, ca. 1580
ascribed to Hernando Franco, 1532-1585, México
Dios itlazonantzine (chanzoneta) Anonymous, New Spain ca. 1580
Marionas Santiago de Murcia, ca. 1682-ca. 1740, Spain

II
Pastor, quien madre virgin Francisco Guerrero, 1528-1599
(Canciones y villanescas espirituales, 1589)
[Guerrero’s compositions were imported to Columbia and Mexico]
Folias gallegas Santiago de Murcia
Xicochi conetzintle (Chanzoneta) Gaspar Fernandes ca. 1565-1629, Guatemala & México
Un reloj ha visto Andrés (Chanzoneta) Gaspar Fernandes

III
Jácara Santiago de Murcia
A la jácara jacarilla (Villancico for the Nativity), 1653 Juan Gutierrez de Padilla ca. 1590-1664, México
Convidando esta la noche (Villancico for the Nativity) Juan García de Céspedes 1619-1678, México
IV
Aufer a nobis *(Motet for the Virgin Mary)* Francisco López Capillas
ca. 1605/8-1674, México

Villanos/
El caballero Diego Fernandez de Huete
Santiago de Murcia

¡Ea, peregrinos! *(Villancico for the Blessed Sacrament)* Matías de Durango
Niño de mil sales *(Villancico for the Nativity)* 1636-1698, Spain
[Durango’s compositions were imported to Guatemala & Columbia]

Los coflades de la estleya *(Villancico for the Nativity)* Juan de Araujo
1646-1712, Perú & Bolivia

V
Gallardas, Marizapalos Santiago de Murcia

Señas ve claras *(Villancico for the Virgin of Guadalupe)* Antonio de Salazar
ca. 1650-1715, México

Instrumental compositions from –

Compendio numeroso de zifras armónicas… Diego Fernandez de Huete
para harpa, pub. Madrid, 1702 fl. 1699-1704, Spain

Códice Saldívar no. 4, ca. 1730, México Santiago de Murcia
ca. 1682-ca. 1740, Spain & imported to New Spain

Luz y Norte Musical, Madrid, 1677 Lucas Ruiz de Ribayaz, b. 1650, Spain
Hanacpachap cussicuinin
Huaran cacta muchascaiqui
Yupairurupucoc mallqui
Runacunap suyacuinin
Callpan nacpa quemi cuinin
Huaciscaita.

Uyarihuai muchascaita
Diospa rampan Diospa maman
Yurac tocto hamancaiman
Yupascalla, collpascaita
Huahuarquiman suyuscaita
Ricuchillai.

Sancta Mariae in ilhuicac cihuapille
tinantzin Dios in titotepantlahtocatzin.
Ma huel tehuatzin topan ximotlahtolti
in titlatlacoahumante.

Dios itlazonantzine,
cemicac ichpochtle,
cenia timitztotlatlauhtilia
ma topan ximotlahtolti in ilhuicac
ixpantzino in motlazoconetzin Jesucristo,
ca ompa timoyetztica
in inahuactzinco
in motlazoconetzain Jesucristo.

Translations from Nahuatl: Berenice Alcántara, Juan Manuel Lara Cárdenas, Drew Edward Davies

Pastor, quien madre virgin ha mirado
si no se torna loco
bien se puede jurar que siente poco
y ser hombre mortal Dios soberano
no cabe en seso humano
pues yo me torno loco
porque no digas tú que siento poco.

Xicochi conetzintle [Nahuatl]
cacomiutzhuihuixoco
in angelosme.
Aleluya.
[Estribillo]
Un reloj ha visto’Andrés,
qued sin verse rueda’alguna
en el suelo de la una
siendo’en el cielo las tres

[Coplas]
O, que bien as acertado
porque de las tres del cielo
oy la segunda’en el suelo
para bien del hombre’a dado
con las ruedas que no ves,
porque’está secreta’alguna

Este relox que sustenta
cielo’y tierra es tan subtil
que con dar una da mil
mercedes a quien las cuenta
a cuenta las oras Andrés,
y di sin error alguna

[Estribillo]
A la jácara jacarilla,
de buen garbo y lindo porte,
traigo por plato de corte,
siendo pastor de la villa,
a la jácara jacarilla.

Jacarilla de novedad,
novedad de novedades
aunque ha más de mil navidades
que alegra la navidad.

¡Vaya, vaya de jacarilla!
que el altísimo se humilla,
¡Vaya de jácara, vaya!
que el amor pasa de raya,

[Coplas]
Ahora que con la noche
se suspenden nuestras penas,
y a pagar culpas ajenas,
nace un bello Benjamín,
si el rey me escuchara a mí
¡oh que bien cantara yo!
Como ninguno canto
del niño más prodigioso.

[Refrain]
Andrés has seen a clock
that without any kind of wheel
is on the ground at one
and in heaven at three.

[Verses]
Oh, how well you figured it out
because of the three of heaven
today the second is on the ground
given for the good of mankind
with the wheels that you don’t see
because it is a secret.

This clock that supports
heaven and earth is so subtle,
that in giving one in a thousand
acts of mercy to he who tells of them,
count the hours, Andrés,
and do it without a mistake!

[Refrain]
Being a shepherd of the village,
I bring a jácara, a little jácara,
in high taste with nice presentation,
in place of a courtly dish;
a jácara, a little jácara.

This is a new little jácara,
the newest of the new,
even though Christmas has been
celebrated more than a thousand times.

¡Vaya, vaya! On with the jácara,
for the Lord comes in humility!
On with the jácara,
for love goes beyond the line! Get on with it!

[Verses]
Now that with nighttime
our suffering ceases,
and a beautiful Benjamin is born
to pay for the sins of others,
if our King listened to me,
oh how beautiful I would sing!
No one sings about the
most wondrous child as I do.
Con licencia de lo hermoso
rayos desenvaina ardientes.
Escúchenme los valientes
esta verdadera historia
que al fin se canta la gloria
y a él la cantan al nacer.
General se vio el placer
que el cielo a la tierra envía.

Que en los ojos de María
madrugaba un claro sol;
con celestial arrebol
mostró la aurora más pura
muchos siglos de hermosura
en pocos años de edad.
Si no sol, era deidad,
y el sol es quien la ha vestido.

[Estribillo]
**Convidando está la noche**
aquí de músicas varias
al recién nacido infante
canten tiernas alabanzas.

[Coplas]
¡Ay, que me abrozo! ¡Ay!
divino dueño ¡Ay!
en la hermosura ¡Ay!
de tus ojuelos. ¡Ay!

¡Ay, como llueven! ¡Ay!
siendo luceros ¡Ay!
rayos de gloria ¡Ay!
rayos de fuego. ¡Ay!

¡Ay, que la gloria! ¡Ay!
del portalino ¡Ay!
ya viste rayos ¡Ay!
si arroja hielos. ¡Ay!

¡Ay que su madre! ¡Ay!
como en su espejo ¡Ay!
mira en lucencia ¡Ay!
sus crecimientos. ¡Ay!

[Refrain]
The beautiful child allows for
ardent rays of light to be unsheathed.
Valiant people, listen to me tell
this true story
which in the end sings of glory and was
the story sung to him at his birth.
The pleasure was seen so far that
heaven was sent to earth.

For in Mary’s eyes
a light sun dawned
with a celestial glow.
Her timeless beauty,
in so few years of age,
revealed the most pure dawn.
If she wasn’t the sun, she was
a goddess clothed by the sun.

[Verses]
Oh, how I’m inflamed
divine lord
by the beauty
of your little eyes! Oh!

Oh, how they glisten
being beacons,
rays of glory,
rays of fire! Oh!

Oh, what glory
in the little stable,
you saw rays of light
and now appears ice! Oh!

Oh, how his mother
as in a mirror
glowingly looks
at him growing! Oh!
[Estribillo]
Alegres cuando festivas
unas hermosas zagales
con novedad entonaron
juguetes por la guaracha.

[Refrain]
Some beautiful shepherd girls,
happy when being festive
sang some new lines
to the music of the guaracha.

[Coplas]
En las guarachas ¡Ay!
le festinemos ¡Ay!
mientras el niño ¡Ay!
Se rinde al sueño. ¡Ay!

[Verses]
Let’s celebrate him
with guarachas
while the child
goes to sleep! Oh!

Toquen y bailen ¡Ay!
porque tenemos ¡Ay!
fuego en la nieve ¡Ay!
nieve en el fuego. ¡Ay!

Play and dance,
for we have
fire in the snow
and snow in the fire. Oh!

Pero el chicote ¡Ay!
a un mismo tiempo
llora y se ríe ¡Ay!
qué dos extremos. ¡Ay!

But the little guy
cries and smiles
at the same time.
What two extremes! Oh!

Paz a los hombres ¡Ay!
Don de los cielos ¡Ay!
A Dios las gracias ¡Ay!
Porque callemos ¡Ay!

Peace to men,
Lord of the heavens,
give thanks to God
that we’ll be quiet now! Oh!

Aufer a nobis iniquitates nostras,
ut digni canamus tibi,
gloriae melos,
quibus indigni omni laude.
Dignissimam collaudamus.

Separate from us our inequities,
so that we may sing to you with dignity
a song of glory;
we, who are unworthy of all praise,
praise the most worthy.

[Estribillo]
¡Ea, peregrinos!
a la mesa del amor
cuidado con la jornada
despachada y buenaza
que aquí no hay más
que un bocado y adiós.

[Refrain]
Hey pilgrims!
Come to the table of love,
take care with the journey,
capable and kindhearted,
for here there’s nothing more
than a bite and goodbye.

[Copla]
Si llega enfermo a la mesa
luego el manjar se aplica.
y si le encuentra
purgado le da la vida.

[Verse]
If you arrive sick to the table
you’ll have the delicacy later
and if you find it,
purged will be your life.
[Estribillo]
Niño de mil sales,
carita agraciada
pues tienes riquezas
que a todos alcanzan,
dale una limosnica
por tu cara rica,
por tu buen talle
y al bullir de las sonajuelas
a la tumba que retumba
del pito, sonaja, tambor y pandero,
vitor el baile.
repicando las castañuelas
las gitanas bailemos cantemos

[Copla]
Gitanico hermoso,
niño celestial
hijo del aurora,
que tu sol nos da.

Los coflades de la estleya
vamo turus a Beleya
y velemo a ziola beya
con Siolo en la potal.

¡Vamo, vamo curendo aya!
Oylemo un viyansico
que lo compond la Flasico ziendo
gayta su fosico y luego
lo canta la Blasico, Pellico,
Zuanico y Tomá
y lo estliviyo dila:
Gulumbé, gulumbé, gulumbá
guache, guache molenio de Safala.

Bamo a bel que traen de Angola
a ziolo y a ziola
Baltasale con
Melchola y mi plimo Gasdipar
¡Vamo, vamo curendo aya!
Gulumbé, gulumbé, gulumbá
guache, guache molenio de Safala.

[Refrain]
Child of a thousand graces,
beautiful little face,
you have riches
in reach of us all,
give him some alms
for his beautiful face
and good figure
and to the teeming sound of rattles
and ringing castanets
we gypsy girls will dance and sing
to the echoing din
of the whistle, rattle and drums
that cheer on the dance.

[Verse]
Beautiful little gypsy boy
heavenly child
son of the dawn,
that you give us your sun.

Brothers and sisters of the League
of the Star, let’s all go now to Bethlehem,
where we’ll see our lovely Lady
with our little Lord in the stable.

Let’s go, let’s go running there!
We’ll hear a carol
that Francisco will compose,
with a gourd to keep the beat;
then Blas, Pedro,
Juan and Tomás will sing it,
and the refrain will go:
Gulumbé, gulumbé, gulumbá.
guache, guache! O blacks from Safala!

Let’s see what Baltasar,
Melchior and my cousin Gaspar
are bringing from Angola
to Our Lady and our little Lord.
Let’s go, let’s go running there!
Gulumbé, gulumbé, gulumbá.
guache, guache! O blacks from Safala!
Vamo siguiendo la estleya
¡Eya! lo negliyo coltezano
¡Vamo! pus lò Reye cun tesuro
turo de calmino los tlesban
¡aya! Blasico, Pelico,
Zuanico y Tomá,
¡aya! vamo tura aya!
Gulumbé, gulumbé, gulumbá
guache, guache molenio de Safala.

So all you blacks who work at court,
O yeah! let’s go, and follow the star,
Let’s go! behind the kings with treasure
All of us! they carry across the desert
To the stable! And you, Blas, Pedro, Juan and Tomás,
let’s all get going now!
Gulumbé, gulumbé, gulumbá.
guache, guache! O blacks from Safala!

[Estribillo]
Señas ve claras
de que sois firmamento
la Nueva España
cuando ve las estrellas
de vuestra estampa.

[Refrain]
The signs that you
are the firmament
of New Spain
are clearly seen
in the stars of your imprint.

[Coplas]
Al mexicano sitio,
Belona soberana,
desciende del empíreo,
la que sirve al empíreo de muralla.

[Verses]
To Mexican space
descends from the heavens
a sovereign Bellona*
to serve as a wall of heaven.

Segura de invasiones,
blasone con sus armas,
pues tiene en su defensa,
de todo el cielo en ella las escuadras.

Sure of invasions,
she wields her arms,
for she has in her defense
all the squadrons of heaven.

No témale ruina,
en males que le amagan,
que amagos de la tierra,
sólo puede vencer un mar de gracia.

She doesn’t fear
that which threatens her
for a sea of grace
can only defeat earthly threats.

*A Roman goddess of battle.

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