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*Argentine drum traditionally made of a hollowed tree trunk, with heads of cured livestock skins.



NOTES

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

Navidad en Latinoamérica Late 16th & 17th Century New Spain

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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

Santiago de Murcia, ca. 1682-ca. 1740, Spain

Marionas

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)

Un reloj ha visto Andrés (Chanzoneta)

Gaspar Fernandes ca. 1565-1629, Guatemala & México

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/ Diego Fernandez de Huete El caballero Santiago de Murcia

¡Ea, peregrinos! (Villancico for the Blessed Sacrament)
Niño de mil sales (Villancico for the Nativity)

Matías de Durango
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

TEXT

Hanacpachap cussicuinin

Huaran cacta muchascaiqui Yupairurupucoc mallqui Runacunap suyacuinin Callpan nacpa quemi cuinin Huaciascaita.

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 titlatlacohuanime.

Dios itlazonantzine,

cemicac ichpochtle, cenca timitztotlatlauhtilia ma topan ximotlahtolti in ilhuicac ixpantzinco in motlazoconetzin Jesucristo, ca ompa timoyetztica in inahuactzinco in motlazoconetzain Jesucristo.

TRANSLATION

O tree bearing thrice-blessed fruit, Heaven's joy! a thousand times shall we praise you. O hope of humankind, helper of the weak. hear our prayer!

Attend to our pleas, O column of ivory, Mother of God! Beautiful iris, yellow and white, receive this song we offer you; come to our assistance, show us the Fruit of your womb!

Holy Mary, noble heavenly lady, you are the mother of God who reigns over all of us. God willing, your praiseworthy person may intercede for us whom are great sinners.

Oh, beloved mother of God, forever virgin, often we respectfully pray to you that you may intercede for us in the heavenly presence of your dear little son, Jesus Christ, and that you find yourself there in the praiseworthy presence of your dear little son, Jesus Christ.

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] ca omitzhuihuixoco in angelosme. Aleluya. "Shepherd, if a man who has seen the Virgin mother does not lose his mind it can well be sworn that his feelings are too little, and be a mortal, sovereign God, not fit of human brain."

"I would rather be crazy than to hear you say my feelings are too little.

Sleep well, little child, for the angels have come to lull you.
Alleluia.

[Estribillo]

Un reloj ha visto'Andrés, que 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 sequnda'en el suelo para bien del hombre'a dado con las ruedas que noves, 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, ya 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 abraso! ¡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 portaliño ¡Ay! ya viste rayos ¡Ay! sí arroja hielos. ¡Ay!

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

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.

[Refrain]

The night is inviting everyone here to sing tender songs of praise to the newborn child with varied types of music.

[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.

[Coplas]

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

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

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

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

Aufer a nobis iniquitates nostras,

ut digni canamus tibi, gloriae melos, quibus indigni omni laude. Dignissimam collaudamus.

[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.

[Copla]

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

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

[Verses]

Let's celebrate him with *guarachas* while the child goes to sleep! Oh!

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

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

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

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.

[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.

[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 poltal.

¡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 teaming 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, gulumbá.
guache, guache! O blacks from Safala!

Let's see what Baltasar,
Melchor 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 lo 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Roman goddess of battle.

Translations by Drew Edward Davies

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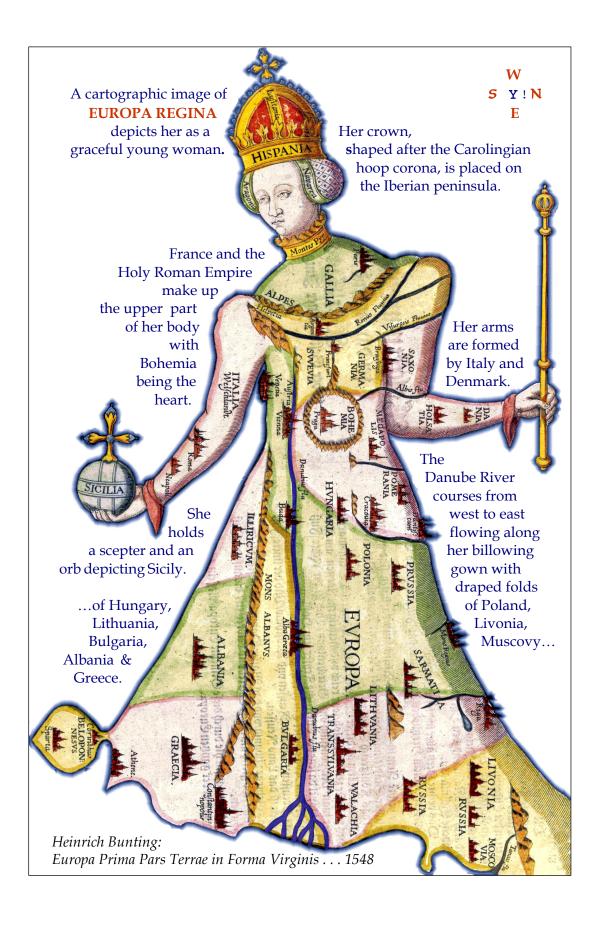
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