

LA BAMBA



A beloved Mexican folk song - and dance - from the state of Veracruz. Lyrics to the song vary greatly, as performers often improvise verses while performing. One English translation might be....

To dance The Bamba

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You need a little bit of grace

A little bit of grace

For me, for you, ah up, ah up

(.....or "higher and higher")

Ah, up, up

(.....literally "faster, faster")

By you I will be

By you I will be

By you I will be

(..."por" can also mean "by" and not just "for")

• So what exactly does "La Bamba" mean? •

"Bambolear" means swinging or swaying, and a "bambollero/bambollera" is someone who likes to boast.... as in "I'm not a sailor, I'm a captain!"

The song, like so many others, is a play on words.... **Spanish words**

Perhaps that's why it's better left "en español"

This is the version made famous in 1958 by



RITCHIE VALENS

C // F // G /// C // F // G ///

tacet

C F G

Para bailar la Bamba

C F G

C F G

Para bailar la Bamba se necesita una poca de gracia

C F G

C F G

Una poca de gracia para mi, para ti.. ay arriba, ay arriba

C F G (F) C F G

C F G

Ay arriba, arriba por ti sere, por ti sere, por ti sere

C F G

Yo no soy marinero

C F G

C F G

Yo no soy marinero, soy capitán, soy capitán, soy capitán

C F G

Bamba Bamba

C F G

Bamba Bamba

C F G

Bamba Bamba

C F G

Ba.....

tacet

C F G

Para bailar la Bamba

C F G

C F G

Para bailar la Bamba se necesita una poca de gracia

C F G

C F G

Una poca de gracia para mi, para ti.. ay arriba, ay arriba

• Instrumental ... and dance! C // F // G /// ...as much as you want!

tacet

C F G

Para bailar la Bamba

C F G

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Para bailar la Bamba se necesita una poca de gracia

C F G

C F G

Una poca de gracia para mi, para ti.. ay arriba, ay arriba

C F G (F) C F G

C F G

Ay arriba, arriba por ti sere, por ti sere, por ti sere

C F G

Yo no soy marinero

C F G

C F G

Yo no soy marinero, soy capitán, soy capitán, soy capitán

C F G

Bamba Bamba

C F G

Bamba Bamba

C F G

Bamba Bamba

