

## **Choral Songs from Latin America**

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### SA/SSA

1. El Rio (traditional Peru) - arr. D. Saez - Roger Dean.
2. Plena (Afro-Puerto Rican) - D. Saez; Roger Dean  
\*The students imitate the rhythmic patterns of the plena rhythm played in the hand drums and the guiro.
3. La Paloma (Venezuelan Folk Song) - arr. Cristian Grases; Walton Music
4. Canto de Pilón (Venezuela) - arr. Grases; Pavane Publications  
\*This is a work song people use to sing while grinding on the mortar.
5. Catalina la O (salsa song) - arr. Suzzette Ortiz; Hal Leonard
6. Vidalita - arr. D. Sáez; Boosey & Hawkes
7. El Monigote (traditional Venezuelan) – arr. D. Sáez; Roger Dean
8. Festejo (Afro-Peruvian) – arr. D. Sáez; Hal Leonard
9. Abreme la Puerta (traditional P.R.) – arr. Cristian Grases; Gentry Pub.
10. La Lluvia (traditional Andean melody) – Stephen Hatfield; Boosey & Hawkes  
\*An example of a non-Latin American composer who created a beautiful arrangement based on a different culture.
11. Niño Lindo (Venezuelan carol) - arr. Alejandro Rivas; Hal Leonard
12. Ay, mi palomita (lullaby Dominican Republic) – Juan Tony Guzman; Boosey & Hawkes
13. Cielito Lindo (traditional Mexico) – Juan Tony Guzman – Boosey & Hawkes
14. El Pambinche Lento (traditional Dominican Republic) – Juan Tony Guzman; Boosey & Hawkes
15. Sigue – Ivette Herryman; GIA  
Cuba; SSA
16. Plena – Diana V. Sáez; Lorenz  
Puerto Rico; SSA
17. Juego que me estoy quemando (Chispa Candela) – arr. Julian Gomez Giraldo;  
Hal Leonard  
Colombia; SSA/SATB

## SATB

1. Maquerule (Colombia) – arr. Julian Gómez Giraldo; Hal Leonard
2. Carnavalito – arr. Will Lopes; Hal Leonard
3. Yemaya (Cuba) – arr. D. Sáez; Boosey & Hawkes
4. Arroz con leche (Fugue based on traditional children song) – Carlos Guastavino; Kjos
5. Caramba (Venezuela) – Otilio Galindez; Kjos
6. Goza mi calypso – Albert Hernandez; Hinshaw  
Venezuela; SATB
7. Tiempo para un Tiempo – Roberto Valera; arr. Conrado Monier; Annie Bank Edition, UK  
Cuba; SATB
8. Una forma mas – arr. Ana Maria Raga; Hinshaw  
Cuba; SATB
9. El Cumbanchero – Rafael Hernández; arr. Suzette Ortiz; Hal Leonard  
Puerto Rico; SATB
10. El Guayaboso – Guido Lopez Gavilan; Earthsongs  
Cuba; SSAATTBB
11. Hanacpachap - <https://www.cpd.org/wiki/images/e/e5/Ws-anon-han.pdf>  
\* First piece of vocal polyphony published in The Americas
12. Pregúntale a ese mar – Inocente Carreño (b. 1919)
13. Te Quiero – earthsong; SATB
14. Na Bahia Tem – Daniel Afonso; Alliance – SATB
15. O Meu Maractu – Daniel Afonso; earthsong - SATB

### Composers you should know:

1. Carlos Guastavino (some of his songs published by Kjos)
2. Astor Piazzolla (composer of Libertango) – published by Kjos; edited by Oscar Escalada
3. Cesar Alejandro Carrillo - [https://www.jwpepper.com/myscore/Cesar\\_Alejandro\\_Carrillo](https://www.jwpepper.com/myscore/Cesar_Alejandro_Carrillo)
4. Carlos Cordero - <https://thehappychoir.com/bio/>
5. Mari Esabel Valverde - <https://marivalverde.com/>

### Other resources:

1. La Voz Publishing - <https://www.lavozmusicpublishing.com/>
2. Institute for Composer Diversity - <https://www.lavozmusicpublishing.com/>
- 3.