

Corrido of Chavo López

sung to the tune of Corrido de Juan Reyna

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1. In order to sing this song
I want to get your permission.
This song is for Chavo López.
He is a man with a mission.
2. He was born in Muscatine
In the year of twenty-eight.
His parents form Mexico
Came by a turn of their fate.
3. Chavo grew up in Nahánt
In the center of our nation.
The fam'ly worked very hard
Suffering discrimination.
4. But Chavo did not lose hope;
In the Army he enlisted.
They would not let him advance
Because the system was twisted.
5. He went back to Iowa
Where he tried to join the Union
But they would not let him in
(Or) allow him in that communion.
6. Chavo could have been a rebel
Fighting those who kept him down,
But instead he founded LULAC
To help others in his town.
7. There's a lesson to be learned
If the world brings you frustration
With lemons make lemonade
Give more kids an education.
8. I appreciate your attention
And I tell you thanks again
for letting me write this song
Here in LULAC Council 10.

