

Corrido of Victoria Soto

sung to the tune of "Forever Young"

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1. In the year of 2012
Tragic horror Newtown shook
When a teacher named Victoria
Gave her life at Sandy Hook.
2. Well Victoria, first grade teacher,
She was 27 years.
She was funny and admired
By her children and her peers.
3. Not too far lived Adam Lanza,
A disturbed 20 year old.
At his house were deadly weapons,
That is what we have been told.
4. Well, Victoria loved her students.
She was driven by compassion;
No one would call her a coward.
She died in heroic fashion.
5. And when Lanza neared her classroom
She told students —“Go and hide!”
She told him—“There’s no one here!”
She was desperate, so she lied.
6. When some of the children panicked
From the closet they did run.
Vicki threw herself in front
The long barrel of his gun.
7. Vicki could have saved herself
Had she chosen not to fight,
But she stayed and saved her children
And instead did what was right.
8. Doves like children fly to heaven;
Their pure spirits always free.
The life of Victoria Soto
Will go down in history.

