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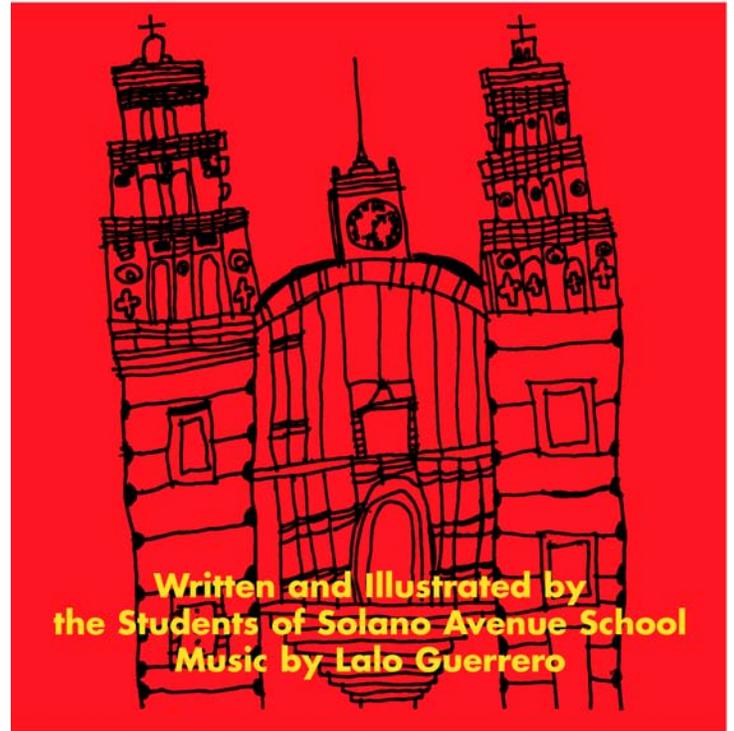
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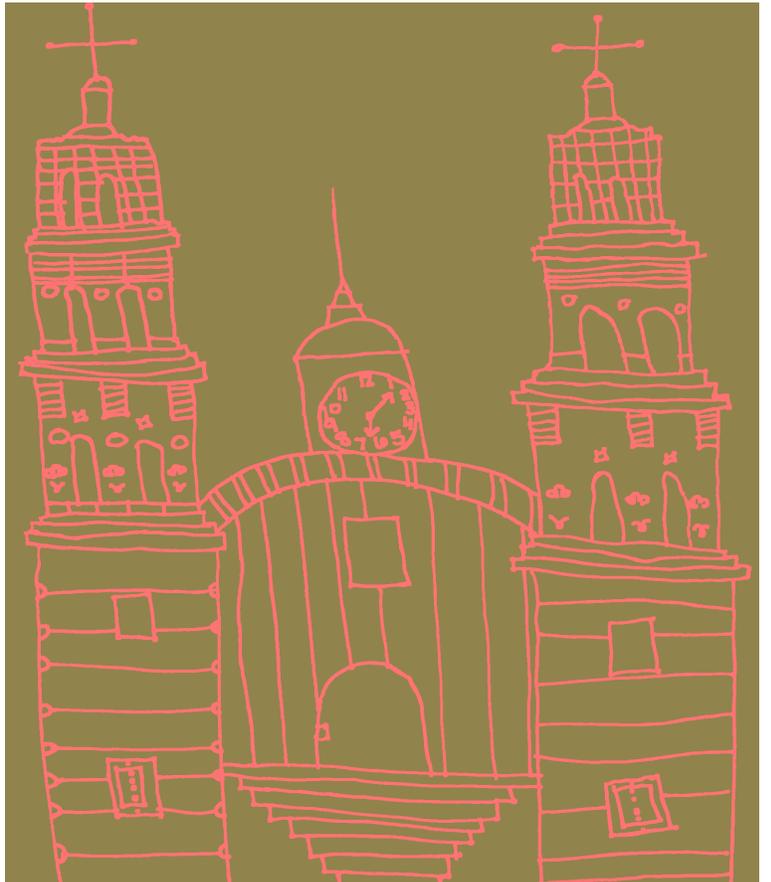
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¡VIVA MÉXICO!





To
Berta Sosa



The Spanish called him a traitor,
But we call him a hero.
They would not let him teach
The liberty that he preached.



Corrido de Padre Hidalgo was performed by Lalo Guerrero at a celebratory assembly on September 16, 1998, at Solano Avenue School, Los Angeles, California.

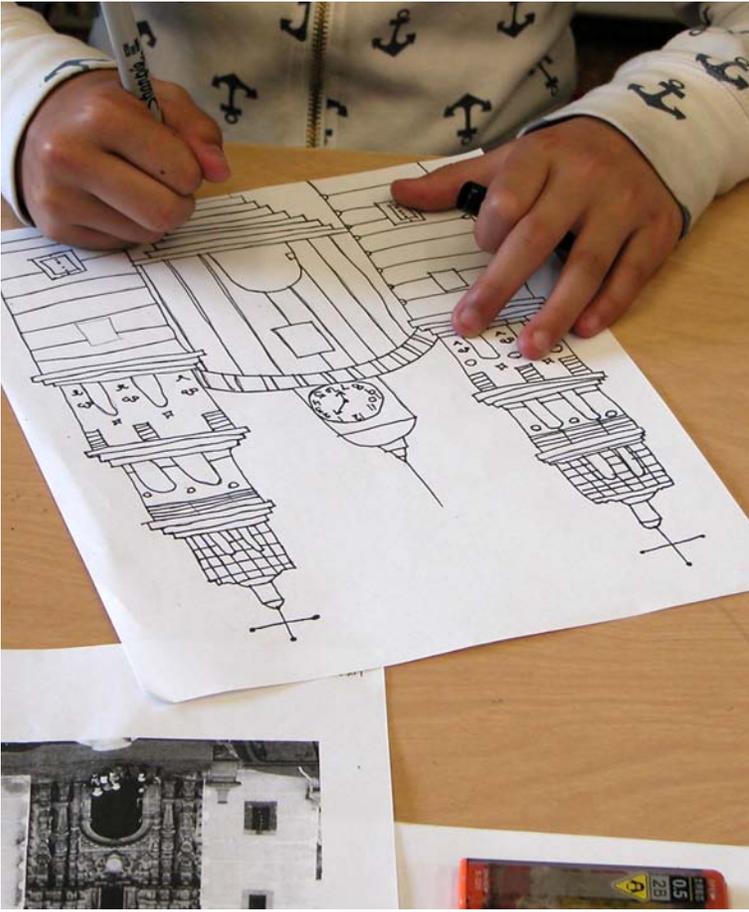
To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Mexican Revolution on September 16, 2010, this historic 1998 corrido performance may be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=817gKImN5c>.

Viva Lalo Guerrero!

Father Hidalgo

City of Chihuahua, 1811,
Day of execution and sorrow.
City of Chihuahua, 1811,
For Father Hidalgo there was no
tomorrow.





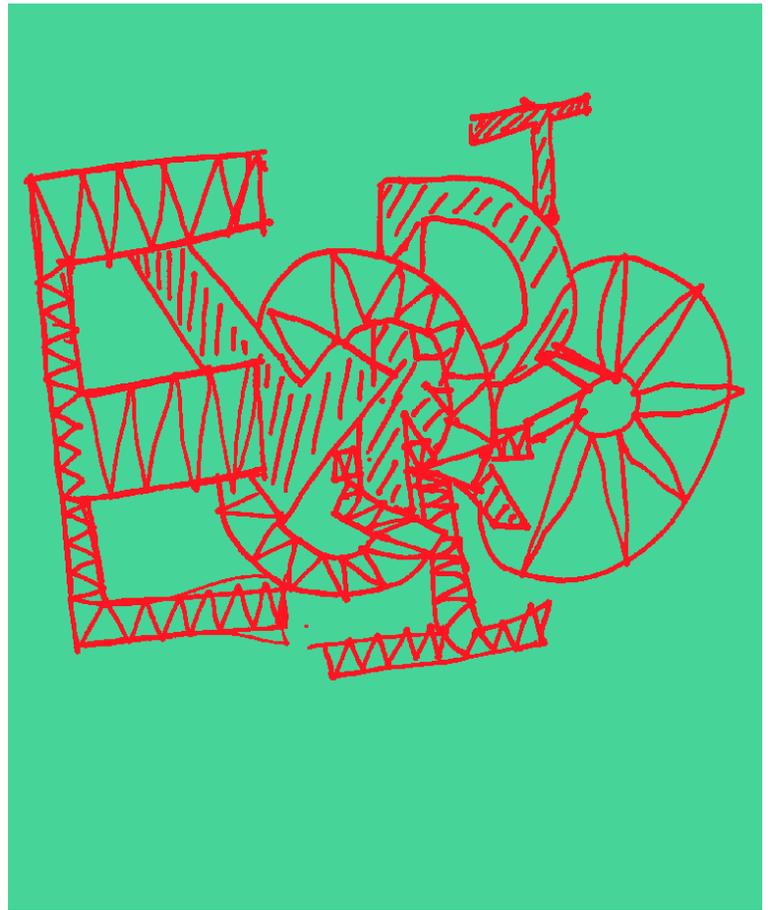
We sing a song of Father Hidalgo,
The Father of México,
Father Hidalgo declared independence,
September of long ago.



Father Hidalgo taught his people
How to make silk and wine.
The Spanish got revenge by burning
The mulberry trees and vines.



Grito de Dolores, the Cry of Dolores,
 The revolution had begun,
 to free México, to fight the Spanish,
 With machetes, not with guns.



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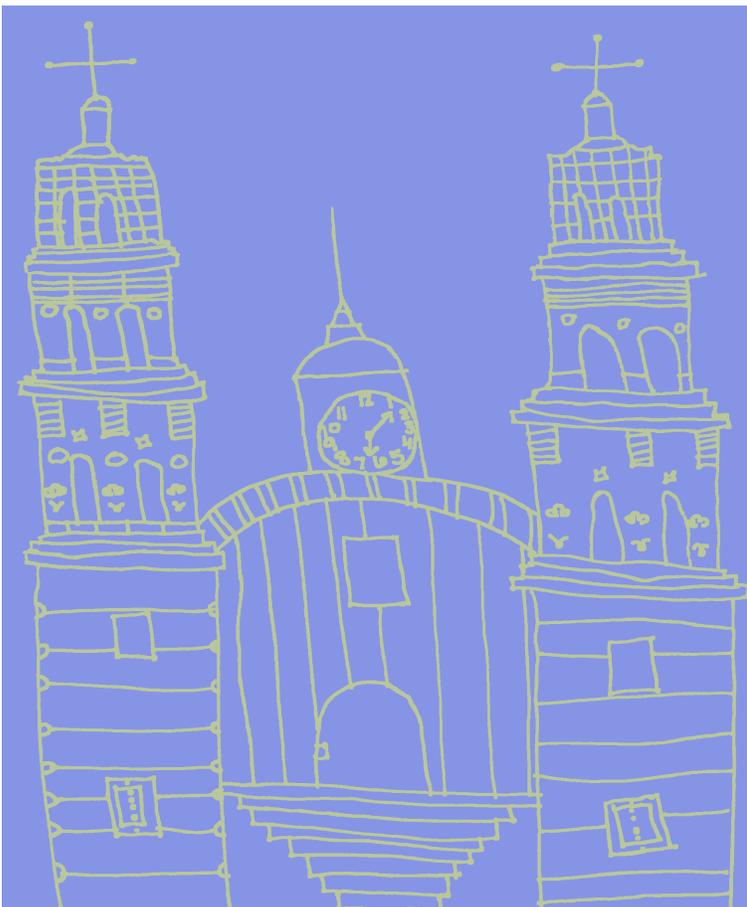
Lyrics by the 5th and 6th grade students of Room 9, 1998.

Illustrations by the 4th and 5th grade students of Room 9, 2010.

Music by Lalo Guerrero.

Papel picado, page 3, by the generous and inspirational project coordinator, Berta Sosa.

Photography by Heinrich Black. Room 9 Teacher, Mrs. Uncle Henry.



September 16th, the year 1810,
The revolution begins.
Father Hidalgo cries out,
“¡Viva México!”
The spirit of liberty wins!

*“The earth will return to those who work it with their hands.”
– Emiliano Zapata*



September 16, 2010, marks the 200th Anniversary of Father Miguel Hidalgo's courageous declaration for Mexican Independence, on the steps of the cathedral in the city of Dolores in the Mexican state of Guanajuato.

This historic moment, known as El Grito, commemorates the beginning of Mexico's long struggle for national independence.

In 1998 the story of El Grito was written as a play by the students of Solano Avenue School in Los Angeles, as well as composed in the song form of a classic Mexican corrido.

The stirring words of the young students' corrido were put to music by presidential Medal of the Arts winner Lalo Guererro, and performed on September 16 at the school.

To celebrate the courage of the Mexican people and the Mexican Bicentennial the corrido has now been illustrated in this commemorative book by the students of Solano Avenue School today.



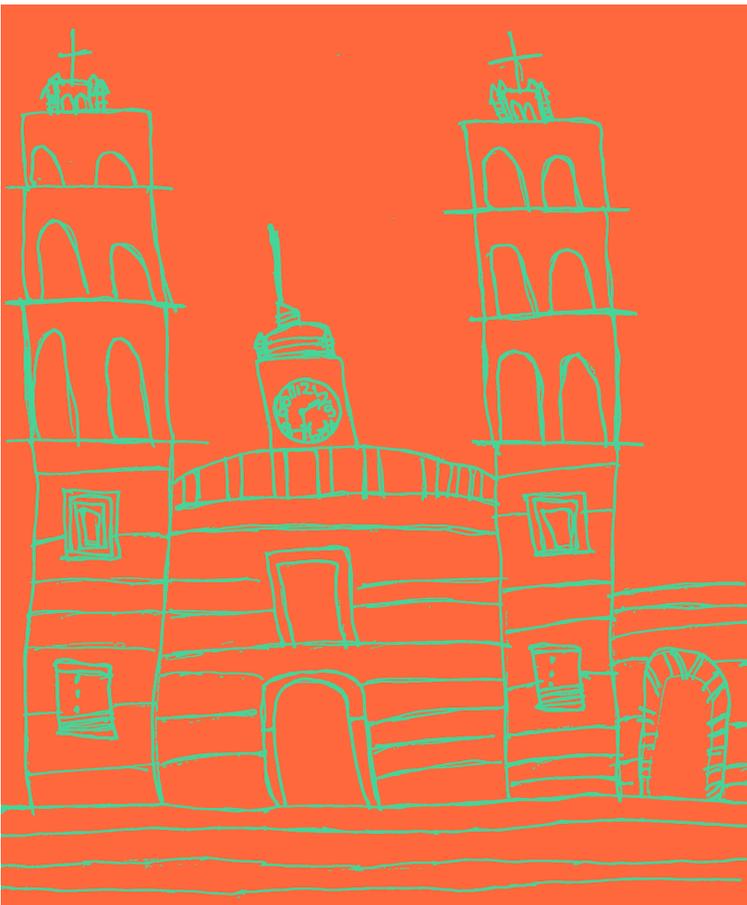
Father Hidalgo talked to the people,
He spoke of human rights,
He talked in their language,
Everything will be alright.



*The historic church of Dolores, Mexico.
Site of El Grito.*

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John A. Guerrero



Hidalgo, Father of México,
Your spirit is alive.
Spirit of courage and liberty,
We hear your noble cry.

