

Mexico

Himno Nacional Mexicano

Francisco González Bocanegra

Jaime Nunó

Allegro marcia

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Fine

D.C. al Fine

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Chorus:

*Mexicans, at the cry of war,
make ready the steel and the bridle,
and the earth trembles at its centers
at the resounding roar of the cannon.
and the earth trembles at its centers
at the resounding roar of the cannon!*

In 1853 the Mexican president announced a competition to write a national anthem for Mexico. The poet Francisco González Bocanegra wasn't interested in the competition but his fiancée managed to lock him in a room in her parents' house and refused to let him out until he had written a suitable poem which duly won.

The music competition was won by Jaime Nuno and the anthem was first performed in 1854. To this day the Mexican government take the performing of the anthem seriously and in 1992 the stadium singer at a football match who forgot the words was fined and had to write a public letter of apology.