

La Bamba

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(Traditional Mexican Folk Song adapted by Ritchie Valens, 1958)

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4/4 time; Starting Note: F Rhythm repeated: **C** (2) **F** (2) **G** (4)

Intro: | **C F** | **G** | **C F** | **G^{Stop}** |

Para bailar la [**C**] bamba [**F**] [**G**]
 Para bailar la [**C**] bamba se [**F**] nece - [**G**] sita
 una poca de [**C**] gracia [**F**] [**G**]
 Una poca de [**C**] gracia para [**F**] mí para [**G**] tí
 arriba y arri - [**C**] ba [**F**] [**G**]
 Y arriba y [**C**] arriba por [**F**] tí se - [**G**] ré
 Por tí se - [**C**] ré, por [**F**] tí se - [**G^{Stop}**] ré

V1

Yo no soy mari - [**C**] nero [**F**] [**G**]
 Yo no soy mari - [**C**] nero soy [**F**] capi - [**G**] tan,
 Soy capi - [**C**] tan, soy [**F**] capi - [**G**] tan.

B1

[**C**] Bam - [**F**] ba, [**G**] bamba
 [**C**] Bam - [**F**] ba, [**G**] bamba
 [**C**] Bam - [**F**] ba, [**G**] bamba
 [**C**] Baaaahhhh [**C^{Stop}**]

Translation

In order to dance the bamba
 In order to dance the bamba
 A little grace is needed
 A little grace for me and for you.
 Higher and higher
 And higher and higher for you I'll be,
 For you I'll be, for you'll I'll be

I am not a sailor
 I am not a sailor I am a captain
 I am a captain, I am a captain

Bamba, bamba
 Bamba, bamba
 Bamba, bamba

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 Una poca de [**C**] gracia para [**F**] mí para [**G**] tí
 arriba y arri - [**C***] ba [**F**] [**G**]

V2

| **C F** | **G** | **C F** | **G** | **C F** | **G** | **C F** | **G** |
 | **C F** | **G** | **C F** | **G** | **C F** | **G** | **C^{Stop}** |

I1

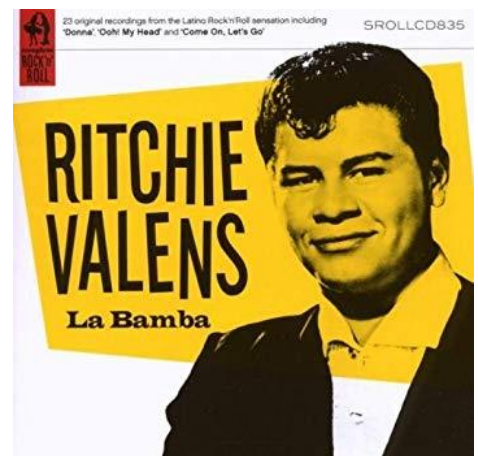
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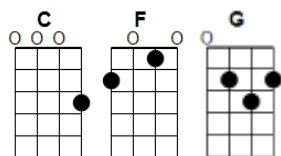
V3

[**C**] Bam - [**F**] ba, [**G**] bamba
 [**C**] Bam - [**F**] ba, [**G**] bamba
 [**C**] Bam - [**F**] ba, [**G**] bamba
 [**C^{Sgl}**]

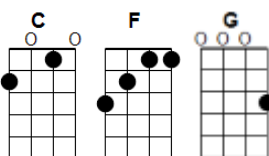
B2



GCEA



Bari



La Bamba (Pronunciation Version)

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PAH-rah bye-LAHR lah [**C**] BAHM-bah [**F**] [**G**] **V1**
PAH-rah bye-LAHR lah [**C**] bamba say [**F**] neh-seh - [**G**] SEE-tah
OO-nah POH-kah day [**C**] GRAH-sya [**F**] [**G**]
OO-nah POH-kah day [**C**] GRAH-sya PAH-rah [**F**] mee PAH-rah [**G**] tee
ah-REE-bah ee ah-REE - [**C**] bah [**F**] [**G**]
ee ah-REE-bah ee [**C**] ah-REE-bah poor [**F**] tee seh - [**G**] RAY
Poor tee seh - [**C**] RAY, poor [**F**] tee seh - [**G^{Stop}**] RAY

yo no soy mah-ree - [**C**] NEH-roe [**F**] [**G**] **B1**
yo no soy mah-ree - [**C**] NEH-roe soy [**F**] kah-pee - [**G**] TAHN,
soy kah-pee - [**C**] TAHN, soy [**F**] kah-pee - [**G**] TAHN.

[**C**] BAHM - [**F**] bah, [**G**] BAHM-bah
[**C**] BAHM - [**F**] bah, [**G**] BAHM-bah
[**C**] BAHM - [**F**] bah, [**G**] BAHM-bah
[**C**] Baaaahhhh [**C^{Stop}**]

PAH-rah bye-LAHR lah [**C**] BAHM-bah [**F**] [**G**] **V2**
PAH-rah bye-LAHR lah [**C**] bamba say [**F**] neh-seh - [**G**] SEE-tah
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| **C F | G | C F | G | C F | G | C F | G |** **I1**
| **C F | G | C F | G | C F | G | C^{Stop} |**

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PAH-rah bye-LAHR lah [**C**] BAHM-bah [**F**] [**G**] **V3**
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[**C**] BAHM - [**F**] bah, [**G**] BAHM-bah **B2**
[**C**] BAHM - [**F**] bah, [**G**] BAHM-bah
[**C**] BAHM - [**F**] bah, [**G**] BAHM-bah
[**C^{Sgl}**]