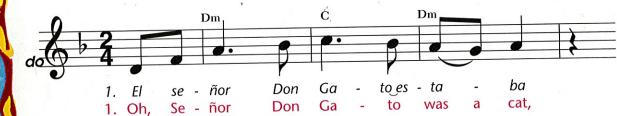
You know that there are different kinds of songs, like spirituals, dance songs, and echo songs. "Don Gato" is a **ballad**. **Listen** for the surprise ending!

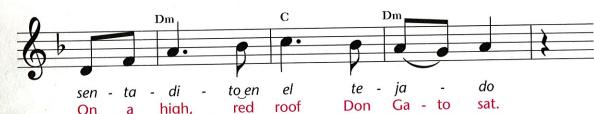
A **ballad** is a song that tells a story.

English Words by Margaret Marks

Don Gato

Folk Song from Mexico









car - tas, mia - rra - miau, - nie - ron bet - ter, meow, meow, meow, read - ing light was



## **The Pattern in Rhythm**

Look at the rhythm of each phrase of the song. Which phrases have the same rhythm?



- 2. Con una gatita blanca, sobrina de un gato pardo, que no la había más linda, . . . que no la había más linda, . . . en las casas de aquel barrio.
- Don Gato con la alegría. se ha caído del tejado; ha roto siete costillas, . . . ha roto siete costillas, . . . las dos orejas y el rabo.
- 4. A visitarlo venían, médicos y cirujanos; todos dicen que se muere, . . . todos dicen que se muere, . . . que Don Gato está muy malo.
- 5. El gatito ya se ha muerto, ya se ha muerto el buen Don Gato; a enterrar ya se lo llevan, . . . a enterrar ya se lo llevan, . . . todos los gatos llorando.
- 6. Cuando pasaba el entierro, por la plaza del pescado, al olor de las sardinas, . . . al olor de las sardinas, . . . Don Gato ha resucitado.

- 2. "I adore you!" wrote the lady cat, Who was fluffy, white, and nice and fat. There was not a sweeter kitty, . . . In the country or the city, . . . And she said she'd wed Don Gato!
- 3. Oh, Don Gato jumped so happily, He fell off the roof and broke his knee. Broke his ribs and all his whiskers, . . . And his little solar plexus, . . . "¡Ay caramba!" cried Don Gato!
- 4. Then the doctors all came on the run Just to see if something could be done. And they held a consultation, . . . About how to save their patient, . . . How to save Señor Don Gato!
- 5. But in spite of ev'rything they tried, Poor Señor Don Gato up and died, Oh, it wasn't very merry, . . . Going to the cemetery, . . . For the ending of Don Gato!
- 6. When the funeral passed the market square, Such a smell of fish was in the air, Though his burial was slated, . . . He became re-animated! . . . He came back to life, Don Gato!

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