

Solamente una Vez

Only Once In My Life

Music & Spanish Lyrics: Agustín Lara
English Lyric: Rick Carnes & Janis Carnes

Agustín Lara is Mexico's most popular singer and composer of the early 20th century. His songs have been recorded by a diverse list of artists ranging from Bing Crosby to Errico Caruso. This song was originally featured in the 1941 Spanish language film "Melodías de América". In 1945 the Xavier Cugat Orchestra (with crooner Bing Crosby) took their version to #4 on the charts.

Performance notes: The *Bolero* originated in Cuba in the late 1800's (it is not related to the older Spanish Bolero which, confusingly, shares the same name). Play this song as a seductive dance in 4 with a firm beat. Pay particular attention to bass patterns which establish a firm foundation for the dancers.

Moderate Bolero ♩=105

Chords: Eb, Dm, Cm, Bb7, Fm, FmM7, EbM7, Eb6, Eo7, Bb7, Fm7, Bb+, Eb, Eb6, EbM7, Eb6, E-7, Bb7, Fm7, Bb7.

Lyrics:
So-la-men-te u-na
On-ly once in my
vez
life,
a-né en la vi-da, so-la-men-te u-na vez
if I could hold you, only once I might find
y na-da más. U-na vez na-da más en me
what true love means. I'm a fool just to hope I could
huer-to bri-lló la es-pe ran za que a-lum-bra el ca-
know that mo-ment of sur ren-der to the mag-ic of

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18 Eb Am7b5 Eb6/Bb Bb7 Eb EbM7

mi - no de mi so - le - dad. U - na vez na - da más
 feel - ing your lips a - gainst mine. On - ly once in my life,

22 Eb6 Eo7 Bb7 facet Fm FmM7 Fm7 Bb+

se - ñe - ga - ma, con la dul - ce - za - ra re - num - cia -
 to love com - p - ly; spend the rest of my life with on - ly

27 Eb6 EbM7 Eb6 Eo7

ción you. y cuan - do e - se mi - ra - grea - ti - vel pro - di - gio de a
 you. In a prayer or a dream to be - lieve that love could last for -

31 Bb7 Fm7 Bb7

mar - se, hay cam - pa - ñas de fie - ta que can - tan en el co - ra -
 ev - er, and for ev - er could be some - thing that hap - pened just once in my

33 Eb Ao7 Bb9/Ab Bb7 Fm7 Bb7 Eb Ebm7b5 EbM7

zón. So - la - men - te a can - tan en el co - ra zón.
 life. On - ly once in my hap - pened just once in my life.