

## Gloria Estefan "Farolito"

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This song is built upon a blend of a typical colombian pacific coast rhythm called "currulao". the unique instruments that were used in this song include a shaker called a "guache", the conga, log drum, maracas, tambora and the wood sticks, that when combined give a fresh new sound and provide the melodic and harmonic structure of the song. the hand claps blend the overall rhythm for this song with the background vocals resembling african chants. the melody has very unique character as well as the novel use of a plastic water bottle. the water bottle added yet another new sound to this song. "farolito" (little star) is a romantic and ethnic language song talking about christmas night a night when everyone is together sharing the sweet illusions of christmas. this night points dreamful portraits; it's a time for sharing dreams with people you love.

Farolitos en el cielo  
Little stars in the sky

Poco a poco van naciendo (x2)  
Little by little they are born

Como nace el sentimiento  
Like the emotion born

Por las calles de mi pueblo (x2)  
Through the streets of my village

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Coraz3n que canta  
Heart that sings

Coraz3n que suena  
Heart that dreams

Lleno de esperanza  
Full of hope

En la noche buena  
On christmas eve

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Ya se escucha la tambora  
Now you hear the drums

Recpicando de alegrÃa (x2)  
Merrily beating out

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Y mecida por olas  
And swaying through the waves

Va la luna en travesia (x2)  
Goes the passing moon

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CorazÃn que suena  
Heart that dreams

Lleno de esperanza  
Full of hope

En la noche buena  
On christmas eve

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Coro:

Ae ea van sonando los tamores  
Ae ea they go beating the drums

Ae ea pregonando sus amores  
Ae ea proclaiming their loves

Ae ea corazÃnes que se alegran  
Ae ea hearts that are merry

Ae ea pues llego la noche buena  
Ae ea christmas eve has arrived

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Pescador deja tus remos  
Fisherman stop your rowing

Guardapronto tu atarraya (x2)  
Soon you'll tie up

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Que te espera con anhelo  
What you've been longing for

El brazo de tu amada (x2)  
The arm of your sweetheart

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Heart that sings

Coraz n que suena  
Heart that dreams

Lleno de esperanza  
Full of hope

En la noche buena  
On christmas eve

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Es la noche del ensue o  
Its the night of dreams

Al abrigo de la llama(x2)  
To cover the flames

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Es la llama del consuelo  
The flames of solace

Que se lleva aqui en el alma (x2)  
That arrives here in the soul

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Coraz n que canta  
Heart that sings

Coraz n que suena  
Heart that dreams

Lleno de esperanza  
Full of hope

En la noche buena  
On christmas eve  
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Farolito a donde vas  
Little star where do you go

A abrazarme con el mar  
To embrace myself with the sea

Farolito buscame  
Little star find me

El amor que se me fue  
The love that was for me (x4)

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Coro: (x4)

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