

The Kingston Trio

"San Miguel"

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Down by the mission San Miguel is a great house
wherein dwell Don Carlos and La Dona Maria Elena
Cantrell.

I work at the ranch. I saddle her mare. I ride with the
gun behind as she visits her friends here and there.
She says, "Thank you, Manuel," or, "Manuel, por
favor," or "Good ev'ning, Manuel,"
La Dona Maria Elena Cantrell.

I dream of the mission San Miguel and it says to me,
the mission bell,
"She is married, Manuel, the wife of the rancher, Don
Carlos Cantrell.

You serve at the ranch. You hold her chair. You carry
her boxes, trunks, letters, and books here and there.
She says, "Thank you, Manuel," or, "Manuel, por
favor," or "Good ev'ning, Manuel,"
La Dona Maria Elena Cantrell.

But I hear with my heart what she says with her eyes
with, "Good ev'ning, Manuel," or "Manuel, por favor,"
Or, "The carriage, Manuel," or "Manuel, close the
door."

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