

## A PINATA FOR PEPITA

Cast: Grandma, Pepita, Mrs. Mouse, Geraldine (a goat), CowDog Joe

**Grandma:** Oh dear, oh dear. Pepita's birthday is tomorrow and I want it to be a very special one. She is visiting me from Mexico and is so very far from home. Dear, oh dear, what shall I get her for a present? (*paces back & forth*)

**Mrs. Mouse:** (*singing*) Here we go picking seeds today, seeds today, seeds today etc. (*song: Early in the Morning*)  
Oh, Hello Grandmother. Why, what is the matter?

**Grandmother:** Oh dear, oh dear, Pepita's birthday is tomorrow. I want it to be a special one for her. She is visiting me and is so very far from home. She is from Mexico, you know. I don't know what she wants for her birthday. Dear, oh Dear. What shall I get her for a present?

**Mrs. Mouse:** I am collecting all these delicious crunchy seeds to store so that my children will have food to eat during the long winter months. They are very tasty. Do you think Pepita would like a basket of delicious crunchy seeds for her birthday?

**Grandma:** What a lovely idea, Mrs Mouse, a basket of delicious crunchy seeds? I will ask her.

**Mrs. Mouse:** Goodbye, Grandma. I must collect more seeds before the wind blows them all away.  
(*leaves singing "here we go picking seeds today"*)  
(*song: Early in the morning*)

(*Grandma begins to pace again*)

**Geraldine:** Hello, Grandma. Why, what is the matter?

**Grandma:** (*pacing*) Dear, oh dear. Pepita's birthday is tomorrow and I want it to be a Special one. She is visiting me and is so far away from home. She is from Mexico, you know. I don't know what she wants for her birthday. Do you think she would like a basket of delicious crunchy seeds?

**Geraldine:** Oh, no, no, no. I am off to see my friend, Glen Mae. She is going to cut off my wool and weave it into a beautiful Navajo rug. I'll bet Pepita would love a bag of soft colorful wool for her birthday, not a basket of crunchy seeds.

**Grandma:** What a lovely idea, Geraldine, a bag of soft colorful wool for Pepita's birthday.



**Geraldine:** Goodbye, Grandma. I must hurry along now as Glen Mae is sharpening her scissors and is waiting for me.

**Grandma:** Goodbye, Geraldine (*paces*) Dear, oh dear. What would Pepita like for her birthday, a basket of delicious crunchy seeds or a bag of soft colorful wool? Dear, oh dear. (*paces*)

**Cowdog Joe:** (*wearing a cowboy hat and carrying a big bone. Singing*)  
Oh give me a bone whenever I roam and I never will be hun gar ree! (*song: Home on the range*)  
Well, Bless my Boots! What is the matter, Pardner?

**Grandma:** Dear, oh dear, Pepita's birthday is tomorrow and I want it to be a special one as she is so far away from home. She is from Mexico, you know. I don't know what she wants for her birthday. Do you think she would like a basket of delicious crunchy seeds or a bag of soft colorful wool for her birthday?

**Cowdog Joe:** Arf! Oh no, no, no Pardner! I am going to bury this old chewy bone to save for a later treat. I think Pepita would just luv an old chewy bone for her birthday, not a basket of crunchy seeds or a bag of soft wool. An old chewy bone is the perfect gift for Pepita.

**Grandma:** What a lovely idea, Cowdog Joe, an old chewy bone for her birthday. I'll ask her.

**Cowdog Joe:** Adios, Pardner, I must mosey along to find some more old chewy bones to bury.

**Pepita:** (*Humming happy birthday*) Buenos Dias, abuelita

**Grandma:** Good morning to you, Pepita. What would you like for your birthday?

**Pepita:** A piñata, Abuelita

**Grandma:** A piñata? What a good idea!  
(*to audience*) Oh dear, where will I get a piñata?

**Pepita:** Hasta la vista, Abuelita. I must run along to the store to buy some dulces with my brand new nickel.

**Grandma:** What? Eh? (*hand to ear*)

**Pepita:** To buy some candy.

**Grandma:** Goodbye, Pepita. I'll see you later.  
(*Shaking her head, she says to audience.*)  
Do you know where I can get a piñata? (*leaves stage*)

*Grandma changes to Pepita at this time.*  
Pepita returns skipping. Mrs. Mouse comes in from other side of stage.

**Pepita:** Buenos Dias, Mrs. Mouse.

**Mrs. Mouse:** Good morning Pepita. What do you want for your birthday?

**Pepita:** A piñata.

**Mrs. Mouse:** A piñata! What color is a piñata?

**Pepita:** Muchos colores

**Mrs. Mouse:** Many colors-hmmm. I must be running along.  
(to audience) Boys and Girls, Do you know what a piñata is?

**Pepita:** Hasta La vista, Mrs. Mouse. Oh boys and girls, I do hope I get a piñata for my birthday.

(Geraldine arrives)

**Pepita:** Buenos dias, Geraldine

**Geraldine:** Good morning Pepita. Have you decided what you would like for your birthday?

**Pepita:** Oh yes, a piñata

**Geraldine:** Does a piñata have any wool?

**Pepita:** No, you silly goat.

**Geraldine:** Well, what's inside then?

**Pepita:** Candy and surprises.

**Geraldine:** My goodness!  
(to audience) Do you know what a piñata is? Goodbye.  
(leaves)

**Pepita:** Hasta la vista, Geraldine.  
(to audience) Boys and Girls wouldn't you like a piñata for your birthday?

**Cowdog Joe:** Arf- Well howdy little pardner. What would you like for your birthday?

**Pepita:** A piñata.

**Cowdog Joe:** Well, pardner what good is a piñata. Is it something you can chew on?

**Pepita:** Some of it is.



**Pepita:** Some of it is.

**Cowdog Joe:** Some of it? *(looks at audience)* Some of it? Do you know what a piñata is? Um, I better be on my way.

**Pepita:** Hasta la vista Cowdog Joe. *(she leaves)*

**Grandma:** *(From below stage)* Pepita, Pepita. Come quick, a big box has come for you from Mexico. I opened it and you will never guess what was in it. *(Grandma comes on stage carrying the piñata)*

*(Pepita arrives)*

**Pepita:** Oh, Grandma, it's a piñata! A piñata! It is full of candy and toys. We will have a party and invite everyone. Everyone can help break the piñata.

**Grandma:** Wait! Pepita, here's a note for you.

**Pepita:** Let me read it to you. Dear Pepita, feliz cumpleaños. Happy birthday. Love, mommy and daddy.

**Grandma:** There's more written to me. Dear Grandma, Here's a piñata for Pepita. It has muchos colores. It is filled with surprises and many good things to chew on. Hang it up at Pepita's birthday party and blindfold the guests. Then let them take turns trying to break it with a stick. Tell Pepita, feliz cumpleaños from mommy and daddy. How wonderful! A piñata for Pepita! It has many colors. It is full of surprises. It has yummy things to chew on. You are right, Pepita. We will have a party for your birthday. Let's invite all your friends to your party and break the piñata. We must tell Mrs. Mouse, Geraldine and Cowdog Joe about your party. *(to the audience)* Will you help sing happy birthday, feliz cumpleaños, to Pepita?

**The end**

### Pronunciation in Spanish

colores = co lor res

hasta = asta

cumpleaños = cumpleanyos

muchos = moo chos

feliz = felice

piñata = pinyata