

132 MAMÁ

If you go... you write to us. Every week. You hear me?

133 JOSELITO

I promise.

134 PAPÁ

(defeated)

When do you leave?

135 JOSELITO

As soon as you give me your blessing.

136 PAPÁ

Then... then you have our blessing. God help us, you have our blessing.

MELANCHOLIC MUSIC SWELLS. TRANSITION.

14 EXT. RANCH YARD - DAWN

ROOSTERS IN THE DISTANCE. A HORSE SNORTS SOFTLY, ITS HOOVES SHIFTING IN THE DIRT. THE FAMILY GATHERS AT THE ENTRANCE.

137 MAMÁ

Here. I've packed extra tortillas and some dried beef. It should last you two days. Don't skip meals. Even if the others do.

138 JOSELITO

Thank you, Mamá.

THE SOUND OF THE BUGLE CLINKING AGAINST THE SADDLE AS JOSELITO ADJUSTS HIS PACK.

139 MAMÁ

What is that in your pack? Your bugle?

**Side 2  
START >>>**

140 MARÍA

(teasing slightly)

Macario and Miguel won't like that...

141 JOSELITO

I've gotten better, María!

142 PAPÁ

Be careful when you blow that thing, José.

(MORE)

PAPÁ (CONT'D)

Sound travels far in the mountains.  
The *Federales* have ears, too.

143 JOSELITO

*Sí, Papá.*

144 PAPÁ

Listen to the General, José. If you  
see a patrol, you vanish into the  
brush. Do you understand?

145 JOSELITO

*Sí, Papá... Well, I have to go -*

146 **MARÍA**

Wait! I want you to have this.

THE SOFT CLINK OF WOODEN BEADS.

147 JOSELITO

Your Rosary? But María, it's yours  
from your First Communion.

148 **MARÍA**

I'm just lending it to you. You  
have to bring it back. Here... I'll  
put it around your neck so you  
won't drop it while you're riding.

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MARÍA PUTS THE ROSARY AROUND JOSELITO'S NECK

149 JOSELITO

*Gracias, María.*

150 PAPÁ

Let us pray one last time.

THE FAMILY HOLDS HANDS.

151 FAMILY

*Bajo tu amparo nos acogemos, Santa  
Madre de Dios...*

152 PAPÁ

*Virgen de Guadalupe.*

153 FAMILY

Pray for us.

MAMÁ LETS OUT A CHOKED SOB AND EMBRACES  
JOSELITO.