Soy Conquistador
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(Track performed by the writers)

MALINCHE: A Musical Legend

Setting: The year is 1519. Malinalli, a Mayan girl of Ancient Mexico has been orphaned by war and brought to the city of Tenochtitlan, to be a servant in the temple for Montezuma, the leader of the Aztecs.

Hoping for a chance at a better life away from the Aztecs, Malinalli escapes the city and embarks upon an epic and dangerous adventure.

A group of conquistadors arrive led by Hernán Cortéz, and María Estrada.

Malinalli hides in a tree to watch them, and begins observing and learning their language.
ACT 1 SCENE 4: The Sandy Shore.

(THE CONQUISTADORS arrive on sand. Grateful that their feet are on the ground.)

#8 “Soy Conquistador” Cortez, Estrada, Hans, Bernal, Conquistadors

Cortez

THE OCEAN IS A WOMAN
SALTY, YET SWEET.
HER DARK BLUE WAVES,
HER STORMY NIGHTS,
MAKE MY SOUL COMPLETE.

THE OCEAN IS A WOMAN
WHO SOOTHE MI SOLEDAD.
SHE LED ME TO THIS LAND
TO FIND MI LIBERTAD.¹

CONQUISTADORS

TO FIND MI LIBERTAD.

Cortez

SOY CONQUISTADOR.
HUNGRY FOR MORE AND MORE.
Y SIGO SIRENAS;
MUJERES MORENAS. ²

CONQUISTADORS

SOY CONQUISTADOR.
BRAVE ENOUGH TO WIN A WAR.
TO HAVE MY FATE IN MY CONTROL.
TO EASE THE SADNESS OF MY SOUL

¹ Mi Libertad: My freedom
² Y sigo sirenas, mujeres morenas: And I follow mermaids, dark haired women.
BERNAL
THE WIND IS A WOMAN
I’VE KNOWN SINCE MY BIRTH.
SHE URGES ME TO TRAVEL AND
TO SCOUR THE EARTH.

HANS
THE WIND IS A WOMAN
WHO SINGS OF FOREIGN LANDS.
SHE WHISPERS OF THE GOLD
I’LL HOLD WITHIN MY HANDS.

CONQUISTADORS
HE WORSHIPS HER COMMANDS!

CORTEZ
SOY CONQUISTADOR.
THIRSTING FOR MORE AND MORE.
Y SIGO SIRENAS,
MUJERES MORENAS.

CONQUISTADORS
EACH CONQUISTADOR
CAN CHANGE THE MAN HE WAS BEFORE.

BERNAL
THIS HALF-A-MAN WILL SOON BE WHOLE.

HANS
I’LL QUENCH THE SADNESS OF MY-

BERNAL
Look! The ship! It’s –

HANS
Ablaze!

BERNAL
LOOK THERE’S A FIRE ON THE SHIP!

BERNAL
SEE THE WOOD BURN IN A BRIGHT RED HUE!

CORTEZ
WHO THE HELL SET FIRE TO THE SHIP?!
BERNAL
WHAT A RECKLESS THING TO DO!

CONQUISTADORS
FIRE BURNING THROUGH THE SHIP.
WHO SET FIRE TO THE SHIP? WHO?

HANS
WHAT KIND OF CRAZY PERSON WOULD?!

CORTEZ
I HAVE A CLUE....

(Shouting.) ESTRADA!

(ESTRADA appears within a cloud of smoke and coughs.)

ESTRADA
Oops.

THE CONQUISTADORS
LA ESTRADA!! LA LOCA!
REDUCED THE SHIP TO NADA.
LA ESTRADA, TESTARUDA. ³
LA ESTRADA, BRUTA! PUTA! ⁴

SHE’S BEEN A PROBLEMA,
SHE SHATTERED THE SISTEMA.
SHE BITCHES. SHE CLASHES

CORTEZ
NOW YOU BURNT THE SHIP TO ASHES.

Mi Amor! what possessed you to do this?!

ESTRADA
I’m just braver than the rest you see?

BEFORE YOU TRY TO PUT HIS CRAZY LADY IN HER PLACE,
REMEMBER THAT THIS CRAZY LADY IS YOUR SAVING GRACE.

³ Testaruda: Stubborn!
⁴ Bruta! Puta!: Stupid! Bitch
ESTRADA
YOUR SAVIOR IS A WOMAN.
I BURNT THE SHIP, IT’S TRUE.
BUT YOU FOOLISH MEN.
I DID THIS ACT FOR YOU!

THE BURNING WAS MY BLESSING.
MY GIFT, AND MY PLAN
TO FORCE A FLEET OF BOYS
TO EACH BECOME A MAN.
WILL YOU BECOME A MAN?

HEY CONQUISTADOR!
THERE’S NO RUNNING FROM A WAR.
NOW WITH EACH ATTACK.
THERE’LL BE NO TURNING BACK!
SOY CONQUISTADORA!
SMART ENOUGH TO WIN A WAR.
A LADY! LA ESTRADA’S NOW CONTROL.
MAY GOD PROTECT YOUR HELPLESS SOUL.

CORTEZ
You heard her men march!

CORTEZ AND ESTRADA
SOY CONQUISTADOR.
STARVING FOR MORE AND MORE.

CORTEZ
Y SIGO SIRENAS.

ESTRADA
MUJERES MORENAS.

CONQUISTADORS
SOY CONQUISTADOR,
DUMB ENOUGH TO WIN A WAR.

HANS
IN THE NAME, OF GLORY, GOD, AND GOLD.

BERNAL
I’LL TELL THE TALE AS I GROW OLD.
CONQUISTADORS
TO STOP THE SADNESS OF MY SOUL,

CORTEZ
I’LL TAKE THIS NEW WORLD FOR MY CONTROL!

CONQUISTADORS
SOY CONQUISTADOR.