Tan Feliz Song link

Themes:
- Acoustic vs electric instruments
- Singing in different languages
- Learn a partner dance!

Lesson 1: Acoustic instruments vs. electric instruments
First, listen to “Tan Feliz” and see if you hear any differences in the instruments being played compared to “La Golondrina”. Are there any new instruments you recognize? There’s a brass instrument at the beginning of the song, can you guess which one it is? What about guitars and drums? Do you know what’s the difference between acoustic and electric instruments? When the instruments are considered electric it’s because they need electricity in order for them to make a bigger sound, like an electric guitar, that’s connected to an amplifier and fills the room with sound once it’s plugged into an electric outlet.

In this song, there are both acoustic and electric instruments! Can you guess which ones are acoustic and which electric? Another fact to consider is that music has been around for a very long time, long before electricity was available to most of us. Nowadays, we’re used to listening to music depending on electricity, like in our computers, tv’s, ipods, etc, but have you thought about how people listened to music back when there was no electricity? Yes, they had to make their own! They would gather to sing, clap and play their instruments in more intimate settings where they could be heard and share songs and stories...

Lesson 2: Singing in different languages
Do you know how many languages this song is being sung on? That’s right, two! Spanish and English. The question here is, if there is a rule for singing songs only in one language? The answer is: No! You can sing in as many languages as you want. In fact, one fun way of learning other languages is by asking your friends who speak a different language than you do to sing part of any song in their language. You can take turns trading verses and then sing together while you learn from each other! That’s exactly what happened in this song! Can you think of any other songs that are sung in more than one language? Fun fact: Our friend Dan Zanes is singing the verse in English!
Activity 1: Learn a partner dance!

This song is about sharing music with our friends and I thought a partner dance would make a really fun way to enjoy it. So find a partner and learn this dance! Feel free to dance with your partner throughout the whole song, but during the chorus the motions that I will explain below will help you!

Dance instructions:

1. Stand in front of your partner facing each other.
2. Extend your arms to the front so that you’re barely touching each others fingertips (this will leave enough space for you to dance in front of each other).
3. When you hear the chorus of the song follow the instructions below!

- **Te tengo a ti** - Extend your right arm pointing to your partner
- **Tú me tienes a mí** - Point to yourself
- **Tenemos todo** - Open your arms wide to point everywhere around you
- **¿Qué más podemos pedir?** - Hands out to the sides as if you’re asking “What else?”
- **Tenemos tiempo** - Point to your imaginary watch in your left hand
- **Que compartir** - Hold hands with your partner
- **Y es que no hay nadie que me haga tan feliz** - Dance around each other holding hands!

- Here’s a video that can help you with the motions: [Tan Feliz Dance video link](#)
- And a photo for some inspiration....