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Mexico and, now, in the U.S. La Voz celebrates yearly with calaveras—satirical poems that warn of the wily Katrina's quest to kill off any and every one—death being the great equalizer. We include tributes to those who have passed with literary ofrendas: poems, stories, artwork, or photos. This year we have had a number of Esperanza friends and supporters who passed in recent months that we did not get to eulogize in the pages of La Voz. In pages 4 and 5 we pay tribute to some of these recently departed loved ones from our community. In addition, this year, I dedicate the issue to Mr. Enrique Sánchez who has written calaveras for La Voz since we started printing them in 1999. He has been our most loyal and prolific calaverista who earned the moniker, *Don Calaveras*. Now in his nineties, Enrique has slowed down, but still managed to write one calavera. Gracias to Enrique, gracias to la Doctora Rita Urquijo-Ruiz who conducted a workshop online on Calaveras resulting in a slew of calaveras being sent in and gracias to all the calaveristas and artistas who contributed to this very special November issue of La Voz de Esperanza. Un gran abrazo to all.

—Gloria A. Ramirez, editor of La Voz

Gracias Don Calaveras, Enrique Sánchez

Calavera for 2022

Tengo flojera
No quiero escribir hoy
¡Animo! Más animo!
Ando perdido, a donde voy?
Me gritan ¡Has calaveras! ¡Más calaveras!
Tanto insisten
Aqui les va una, nomas una
Ya pasé los noventa, ¡Ten cuidado!
No me he caído todavía,
¡Estoy amolado! ¡Bien amolado!
me falta poco y que algo después?
¡Levantate y sigue adelante! Que caray!

—Enrique Sánchez aka “Don Calaveras”



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