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Chant Title and Author: The Santa Fe Trail Bugaloo by Rhonda Lopez

The Santa Fe Trail was the place to be  
Opened New Mexico for many to see  
Bringing products from all over the world  
Sharing ideas and changes unfurled

Horses, oxen, and donkeys too  
Doing the Santa Fe Trail Bugaloo.

The Spaniards wanted to convert the people  
Searching for gold and building up steeples  
The Pueblos wove beautiful blankets  
Defended their land and their languages

Spaniards, Pueblos, and Americans too  
Doing the Santa Fe Trail Bugaloo.

There were Americans traveling through the expanses  
Buying and selling and building their ranches  
The first white man that the Pueblos saw  
Was an African man not a white man at all

African, Mestizo, and Jewish too,  
Doing the Santa Fe Trail Bugaloo.

Exchanging cultures, beliefs, and money to spend  
Developing a government with laws to defend  
The Trail to Santa Fe is part of our memory  
So study the facts and learn your state's history

Spanish, English, and Keres too  
Doing the Santa Fe Trail bugaloo.