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# **The story of «Luchín», the child that Víctor Jara cared for and who was the inspiration for the emblematic song (+ videos)**

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*The singer-songwriter met him when he was one year old. The little boy was found in a critical state of health and Jara took care of him and adopted him.*



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The adoptive son of Víctor Jara told his story to the program *Mentiras Verdaderas de la Red* (*Truthful lies in the Network*) in September 2021, and how he became the person who inspired one of Víctor Jara's most representative themes.



Luis Iribarren, the life of «Luchín», the adoptive son of Víctor Jara, who for many years was considered a myth, was the inspiration for one of his most popular songs, transformed into a hymn that has transcended generations.

The story of the song was real. The child was found in a bundle, in a town in Pudahuel in the winter of 1970. The little boy that was in a critical state of health, in the midst of extreme precariousness, today has a family of his own and practices law.

«He (Jara) appeared at the moment that I needed him the most. At first, he took on a fatherly role, which he couldn't continue afterwards (for reasons everyone knows), but I'm very grateful to him. I feel that unconsciously, because I don't think it was intentional, he left me the task of continuing what he defended and what my own family postulated», said Luis in an interview with a national media outlet.



## **Luchín**

Fragile as a kite

on the roofs of Barrancas

The boy Luchín played

with his little purple hands

with the rag ball

with the cat and with the dog

the horse looked at him.

In the water of his eyes

bathed a light green

he was crawling at his young age

with his little bottom dirty

with the rag ball

with the cat and with the dog

the horse looked at him.

The horse was another game

in that small space

and the animal seemed

to like that job

with the rag ball

with the cat and with the dog

and with Luchito all wet.

There are children like Luchín

that eat dirt and worms

let's open all the cages

so that they fly like birds

with the rag ball

with the cat and with the dog

and also with the horse.

**The boy Luchín – Victor Jara**

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