

Who is Johnny?

**Who is Johnny?
Who is Johnny?**

**He's a child, I believe
That smiles, plays, and cries,
In the world that he is in.**

**Who is Johnny?
Who is Johnny?**

The teacher asked.

**Not a noise, voice, or sign
Nor a sigh could be heard.**

**Who is Johnny?
Who is Johnny?**

You could hear it like an echo.

**Finally a child, crying and complaining
Stands and says:**

**“Teacher, Teacher,
I am not Johnny.**

My name is simply Juan.”

Mary Zapata Huerta
Texas Bilingual Teacher 1975