

Side for EL CAPITÁN

El Capitán complains about his bitter lot, a soldier returned from a war lost, to his companion Arlequin.

Capitán: And about us, what do you say what about us? Because we were defeated in the last war, less by a powerful enemy, than by those worthless traffickers that govern us and sent us to defend their interests without strength and without zeal, because nobody fights with conviction for what he doesn't hold dear; they, who didn't give one of their own as a soldier or let go of one cent except for good interest and better profits, and as soon as they feared for their money threatened to make peace with the enemy, now they blame us and mistreat us and demean us, and would like to save themselves the miserable pittance they're thinking of paying us, and would very happily discharge us if they didn't fear that one day all those oppressed by their evildoings and tyranny would rise up against them. Woe betide them if on that day we remember what side reason and justice are on!