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The story of the Swallows of Capistrano, who return each year on St. Joseph's Day, to SONG OF THE SWALLOWS by Leo Politi is a legend. He lived near the California mission and daily listened to the deep, melodic sound of the swallows. The Swallows leaves for the winter, young Juan prepares to welcome them back to the old California Mission at Capistrano.

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