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His childhood was spent helping his parents and eight brothers with farm duties, while he was musically influenced by his uncle, Martin Elias.

## DIOMEDES DIAZ



He moved to Valledupar to work as a gardener, and also worked as a messenger and office boy for a local radio station, Radio Guatapuri



Between 1974 and 1975, he got his first song recording deal with Jorge Quiróz and Luciano Poveda, a vallenato group; they recorded the song "Cariñito de Mi Vida", which won Díaz fame.







