

## Deportees

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The crops are all in and the peaches are rotting  
The oranges are piled in their cresote dumps  
They're flying you back to the Mexico border  
To pay all your money to wade back again

My father's own father, he wanted that river  
They took all the money he made in his life  
My brothers and sisters come working the fruit trees  
And they rode the truck till they took down and died

Good-bye to my Juan, good-bye Rosalita  
Adios mis amigos, Jesus why Maris  
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And all they will call you will be deportees.

Some of us are illegals, and others not wanted  
Our work contract's out and we have to move on  
But it's six hundred miles to that Mexican border  
They chase us like outlaws, like rustlers, like theives.

We died in your hills, we died in your deserts  
We died in your valleys and died on your plains  
We died 'neath your trees and we died in your bushes  
Both sides of the river, we died just the same.

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A sky plane caught fire over Los Gatos canyon  
Like a fireball of lightning, it shook all our hills  
Who are all these friends, all scattered like dry leaves?  
The radio says they are just deportees.

Is this the best way we can grow our big orchards?  
Is this the best way we can grow our good fruit?  
To fall like dry leaves to rot on my topsoil  
And be called by no name except deportees?