

# No Gringo

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Father says head down  
We don't want them finding you  
Mother says practice now  
All the words you know

Oh Arizona's burning  
They say the fence turned round  
Now the razor wire keeps us out

Mother says with luck  
We'll sleep under a roof tonight  
Father says in the truck  
We'll be crushed in tight

Oh Chicago don't forget me  
As the miles between us grow  
Keep the maple tree carved with the name of my love  
The hills we would sled race down  
Lake Michigan stay endless and painted in sky  
Goodbye

Mother says years ago  
The whole world was ours to rule  
Father says let it go  
Those days are gone for good

All the signs read no gringo  
But somehow we'll find our way  
Maybe waiting at dawn by the factory doors  
Sunburnt and bent in the fields  
Please don't turn us in  
We'll be silent as the grave  
As time

No gringo  
No Gringo aqu  
Words as levies against the flood  
Hoy cerrado  
There's too many to feed  
Room for only our own kind, our own blood  
No gringo, no gringo aqu  
You have stayed in this land for too long  
Tan amargo  
But there's no time to grieve  
You just pack up your things and move on