

## Teresita

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He bought  
her body  
for sheep, guns and a cow  
from starving indigenous  
poor.

He brought  
her spirit  
into his home  
away  
from her people,  
alone.

Sixteen years of life  
she has lost her tongue,  
dying to herself.

Six years of children,  
she had lost her will  
dying to this world.

They say  
she died  
of a broken heart.

Women died  
back then  
alone  
with child  
alone  
with pain  
alone  
with hunger  
alone  
with cold  
alone  
with sacrifice  
alone  
with disease  
alone  
with loveless soul.

Who can say she left this life?

They say  
pray a rosary for Teresita,  
no saint helped her then.  
Perhaps Our Lady helps her now.