

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.