

THE MILK OF ARIZONA

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A wife loses her husband
a honey tan woman was deported
back to Juarez, Mexico.

Liliana went to work
after which she was to stop
for milk.

The police
arrested her
before she punched out.

Nevermind the gut reaction,
the beating heart,
Or furious breath with their seized up knuckles.

Milk,
spilled like law,
goes undrunk.

ICE deported her
for an old charge
 once satisfied during her teens years.

SB doesn't care when
she came to U.S.
 Or that she's still lactating.

Jason took their two sons
to his mother's house
 then divorced her out of hopelessness.

A judge gave him
sole custody of the boys
 he'd already stopped taking her calls.

She wants to come home.

Worker's hands and
protester's fists
attempt to catch the milk for honey flow

As bronze as ever
and twice as cold.
She wants to come home.