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Proud to be Mexican

México
mi México
mi tierra
mi vida
mi familia
todo por méjico
that's no shame, that's my pride
to stand up and to say, "Yes, I'm Mexican,"
even though I live in the U.S.
even though my family swam through the Rio Grande
even though they jumped fences to run away from la migra
they only came here to make a better Life
to work and find the way
the way to a better place
we don't come here to make desmadres
like some people may think
we come to the U.S. to get a better life
not to make it almost impossible to get the same freedom as others
because of documents that some don't have
when this used to be our land
they didn't need documents to come and take it away
now we need documents
to come back to what at first belonged to us
we're worth more
way more
so why don't we get treated with the same respect?