

Sanctuary Song

Óscar Alberto Martínez Ramírez
His daughter, Valeria, almost two years
North from El Salvador, on into Mexico
Heading for Texas, a life without fear

Father and daughter, drowned in the water
Arms round each other in reeds by the shore
Pray for the fathers, the mothers, the children
Pray for them all and for so many more

Oh, Sweet Jesus, hear our prayer, hear our prayer
Love is in the shadows, darkness everywhere
Shine your light, Sweet Jesus, on the tired and the poor
On the homeless and forgotten seeking shelter on our shore

El Chaparral and Nuevo Laredo
Paso del Norte, Nuevo Leon
So many doorways to hope now are closing
All in the name of protecting our own

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Father and daughter, dead at the border
The end of their journey, the worst of their fears

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On the orphan and the stranger
On the lonely and the weary
On the hungry and downtrodden
On the homeless and forgotten
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