

So Thankful

Nahko and Medicine for the People

Papa didn't die in vain
His son carries on his name
His face, his fire, his flame
The way he talked, the way he sang
Mama still feels the pain
She will not live in shame
Of how her babies came
And who the hell to blame now
She says

"Oo so thankful, oo so thankful!"
"Oo so thankful, oo so thankful!"

Grandma used to cut herself raw
Not the hardest thing little mama's eyes saw
Said, drunk Indians fighting cops
Trafficking little girls around the block
I Said, "When the rape gonna stop?"
She said, "Not any time soon baby that's real talk."

Oo so thankful, oo so thankful!
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Mama never said it's okay
For this old man to touch her this way
Grandma, well she got paid
And that's one thing I'm not proud to say
I never thought I'd give thanks to rape
But that's how I got here today

Said, oo so thankful, oo so thankful
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Papa got shot in the head
He got what was coming to him, now he's dead
Child molester, 36 years old
Left four kids and a wife in the cold
Great grandfather got shot in the back
Protecting Filipinos from the corporate attack
And great grandmother shot herself in the mouth
She was ready to go and I could hear her shout
She says

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The papa that raised me died of cancer
I was holding his hand as his spirit surrendered
Put a roof over my head, food in my belly
He was a king and a father to many
The mother that raised me is truly a queen
Taught me how to love God and follow my dreams
Said

"Oo so grateful, oo so grateful"
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Coyote came and spoke to me he says
"Get used to your destiny"
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Every moment is a mystery to me
Getting pretty good at listening
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