The Symbol

Son Volt

My name is Juan from Monterrey
I've been 10 years in the USA
Repaired New Orleans after the hurricane
I built a home and made a better way

Now there's fear, angry words saying "Go!"
They say I'm a criminal, what do they know?
Rounded up my friends without papers to show
They wanna send us back, back to Mexico

They say I'm a criminal, that's what they say
My children were born, born in the USA
They say these children, they too must go
But their home is here, not Mexico

From where I now stand on this alluvial ground
Where waves of immigrants laid their bundles down
And the symbol of freedom must stand the test of time
Built stronger than words that divide

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