

## **SOY POCHO?**

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Ni gringo ni cien por ciento Mexicano  
from the eyes of those  
who are born en la tierra sagrada  
este nopal en la frente makes me  
known to be from Mexican descent  
from my parents crossing the border  
hoping for a better tomorrow  
and I shine vigorously and questioning  
everything about me and you  
like how come I get treated differently from both sides Im  
a beaner here and a gringo there  
Im self aware that haters are everywhere  
my vocabulary is Spanglish so look alive,  
get with the program since I walk around shameless  
with that orphanage language

Being born in Tongva land  
I then get classified as an Hispanic or as a Latino  
pero soy pocho?  
Not Mexicano since I don't speak that colonizer language fluently Im  
immorally disoriented with the language Im choosing Losing myself in  
this racist-self-hating ass system I am the real image from my ancestors  
despite,  
Being born in los angeles  
And the privileged and the benefits  
it comes with that little greedy card,  
makes me not want to have any part of it at all  
Pero soy pocho  
I have to repay my parents back with their sacrifices they had and you  
should know they endure and mourn for the many moons that they had  
gone away from home...  
so this one's for you.