

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 a Latino
pero soy pocho?
Not Mexicano since I don't speak that colonizer language flu-
ently
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.