

"Someday I'll Love... 1

Someday I'll Love Antonio DelaGarza
after Ocean Vuong

"Antonio, don't be scared.

The Aguila will fly again one day

The end of your suffering begins in México.

It is close to you - just breathe.

Antonio, the Aguila is flying!

Don't let the people's echoes mislead you.

Your father etched his sins in your palm long enough

To sing before steel is the only body you memorize."

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Antonio,

Herman Miller

Galas

Mentors

Non-Profits

Scholarships

College

two man cell.

Antonio, tell the world how you formed a brotherhood of armed robbers, murders, and meth cooks: each giving you what your father couldn't.

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How you were stabbed because your family loved you.

Why you were backed into cylinders; ripped the claws off the Lion's paw.

Tell them!

You were scared to sing with the hummingbirds!

You wanted to soar.

Your insecurities paranoicized your every thought. Your mind became constant warfare; how did you draw a line in the sand when mines pepper through the laws of flesh and Iron.

Did you lose yourself in the fight?

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Someday I'll learn to love Antonio DelaGarza.

I've learned the mythic battle to be self.

Aguilera; I have el derecho to brand your pecados on my brown back,
si papa?

Mi jefa says You are an Aristocrat. You are of The Garzas,

(or was it The Flamingos?)

Eagle Knight

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Prestigious

King

Purple

Royalty

I am Nahuatl.

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Someday, I'll love Antonio DelaGarza.

It is quiet in a cell full of noise.

My body dares witness of scars that stretch
From my past.

I am a cap never twisted on.

Someday I'll love, Antonio DelaGarza.

"Don't say one day.

Say the letters

of the keyboard

will birth you stars.

Remember, a flower that blooms learns

to live & kiss

death —

to eat ice cream,

Con palmas grabadas,

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during sudden sunlight.