

# LA FRONTERA

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*Maria's Journey Through the Corridor*

# Maria's Story

At twenty-two, Maria lives in poverty in Guatemala, cleaning homes with no prospects for love or a better life. Desperate for change, she decides to escape.

She says goodbye to her beloved burro and embarks on a dangerous journey across La Frontera—the frontier corridor from Mexico to Texas—seeking freedom.

Maria arrives in Texas and begins to build a new life. She finds work, makes friends, and meets Miguel, who brings joy back into her world.

But her dream shatters when she's pulled over in a routine traffic stop. Maria is arrested, detained in Krome Immigration Jail, and deported by an immigration court.

Back at La Frontera, Maria stands ready to begin her journey again. The cycle continues.

# ACT I: GUATEMALA



SONG 1

## Long Days in Guatemala

*Despair & Longing*

*"Maria's dreams like paper boats, floating down  
the street*

**She hopes to leave this aching  
town, feel the sun's warm heat"**

SONG 2

# Maria's Escape Plan

*Hope & Determination*

*"Pack your bags, take the map, say goodbye to old friends  
Tomorrow's dawn will find her where the sky never  
ends"*

SONG 3

# Bye Bye Burro

*Heartbreak & Goodbye*

*"Bye bye, Burro, my love, my friend  
We've shared laughter and gentle days that never  
end"*

# ACT II: LA FRONTERA

SONG 4

# Across La Frontera

*Journey & Courage*

"Gotta make it to the U.S., chasing light on the horizon  
Hope awaits on the other side, future bright, we're  
risin'"

# **ACT III: TEXAS**



SONG 5

# Hello Texas

*New Beginning*

"Hello Texas, it's a journey, not a race  
Life isn't easy, but I'm finding my  
place"

SONG 6

# Thank You, Miguel

*Love & Connection*

*"Thank you, Miguel, for the joy that you bring  
For long walks in the evening, and the songs that we  
sing"*

# ACT IV: THE FALL



SONG 7

## Traffic Stop, Oh No

*Sudden Fall*

"Traffic stop, oh no, I've been caught in the light  
With my heart racing fast, can't  
believe this is my night"

# ACT V: DETENTION



SONG 8

## Krome Jail

*Detention & Despair*

"Krome Jail, it's where I'll be, incarcerated, it's me  
Trapped inside these high walls, no  
way to break free"

SONG 9

# Maria, where are you from?

*Deportation*

*"'Maria, where are you from?'" echoes in the air*  
*'Guatemala,' I whisper, swallowed up by despair"*

# ACT VI: RETURN

SONG 10

# La Frontera I Have Returned

*Resilience & Cycle*

*"La Frontera, I have returned, I'm here once more  
Ready to risk it all, for the chance to explore"*

*"The journey may be long, but she knows in every  
breath  
Across La Frontera lies a life beyond the depth"*

— La Frontera, Song 4