

**Ode to Agent Blanco  
Falfurrias, Tx  
Border Patrol Agent**

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I am enamored, yet frightened  
with your brashness  
as your authority leans on the door

You ask details  
family and friends  
typically avoid and shun

You ask  
*Is this your wife?*  
*How long have you been together?*  
and plans for the day.

and I think maybe you do care  
but then you seem so superficial:  
twice you ask if this is my car.  
both times I attempt sincerity when saying *Yes, Sir.*

Worse are your questions about work  
even though I say pan am, the school,  
I'm afraid to tell you I'm on administrative leave.

In my most insecure moments  
I feel you have an ethno fetish  
and single out my bronze finish  
as much as heritage

If I tell you I am poxo, will you reject me?

Even on my return  
smiling at cameras  
I hope you see

I'm the one  
catching you in my rearview  
periquiando con otr@s

No importa sea hombre o mujer  
preguntas otra vez  
pero nunca das respuestas.