

**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.