Sinaloa Cowboys (Album Version)

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Miguel came from a small town in northern Mexico.

He came north with his brother Louis to California three years ago

They crossed at the river levee, when Louis was just sixteen

And found work together in the fields of the San JoaquinThey left their homes and family

Their father said, "My sons one thing you will learn,

For everything the north gives, it exacts a price in return."

They worked side by side in the orchards From morning till the day was through

Doing the work the hueros wouldn't do. Word was out some men in from Sinaloa were looking for some hands Well, deep in Fresno county there was a deserted chicken ranch

And there in a small tin shack on the edge of a ravine
Miguel and Luis stood cooking methamphetamineYou could spend a year in the orchards

Or make half as much in one ten hour shift
Working for the men from Sinaloa
But if you slipped the hydriodic acid
Could burn right through your skin
They'd leave you spittin' up blood in the desert
If you breathed those fumes in

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