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Mi Hermana

By Juan Valdovinos

My sister never had it all
To grow in the land of the free
With none of the freedom
From when I was young, she has cared for me
Cooked & cleaned when my parents had to provide
Sharing everything was easier with her

A stellar student she was
Straight As with honors
Achieving greatness was her profession
I feel she could do anything
With strength that is beyond doubt
She carries pressure that diamonds could not withstand
Balancing everything, still being my other mother

Teaching me the scriptures of success in English & Español
Trying to reach her heights is all do
Maybe I could be just like her
Navigating uncharted waters of language & culture

Even with all the awards, congratulations, & scholarships

System failed her, DACA failed her
She couldn't even be a dreamer
Opportunities out the window
There weren't any benefits to reap

The numbers do not define her
No social did not mean she could not be free
But she wasn't free to follow her dreams

But persevering is what she does best
It is ingrained in our blood
Fight on hermana, wind cannot knock you down
Soar in the skies of success, the sun will not outshine you.

