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One was an athlete and one was a misfit.
One dreamed of setting records and one dreamed of girls.
One was passionate about music and
the other passionate about writing.

And they were both undocumented.

They both got accepted to college,
the first in their families,
Never knowing the impact they left
for those of us who saw them grow up.

His music grew to be his passion,
his fingers never left the keyboard.
The other had a way with words,
capable of communicating with anyone.

They were both undocumented.

His show packed the concert hall,
his 8-year-old cousin was struck with stardom.
His first magazine issue was published,
and his 13-year-old cousin was struck by words.

They are brothers, sons of an undocumented Mexican mother

Their hard work means a lot to her
but also to those around them.
They are my cousins, my inspiration,
and I hope one day,
to be as passionate as they are.