

Deportees Woody Guthrie

Intro: as last line of chorus

[G] All they will [Em] call you will be [C] depor-[G]-tees

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Verse 1:

The [G] crops are all in and the [C] peaches are [G] rotting...
The [G] oranges piled in their [C] creosote [G] dumps...
They're [C] flying you back to the [G] Mexican [Em] border
To [G] pay all your [Em] money, to [C] wade back a-[G]-gain

Verse 2:

My [G] Father's own father, he [C] waded that [G] river
They [G] took all the money he [C] made in his [G] life
My [C] brothers and sisters come [G] working the [Em] fruit trees
And [G] they rode the [Em] trucks 'til they [C] laid down and [G] died

Chorus:

Good-[C]-bye to my Juan, good-[G]-bye Rosalita Adi-[D7]-os mis amigos,
Je- sus y Maria
You [C] won't have a name when you [G] ride the big [Em] airplane
[G] All they will [Em] call you will be [C] depor-[G]-tees

Verse 3:

[G] Some of us are illegal, and [C] others not [G] wanted
Our [G] work contract's out and we [C] have to move [G] on
[C] Six hundred miles to the [G] Mexican border [Em]
They [G] chase us like [Em] outlaws, like [C] rustlers and [G] thieves

Verse 4

We [G] died in your hills, we [C] died in your [G] deserts
We [G] died in your valleys, and [C] died on your [G] plains
We [C] died 'neath your trees, and we [G] died in your [Em] bushes
Both [G] sides of the [Em] river, we [C] died just the [G] same

Chorus: see box

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Verse 5

The [G] sky plane caught fire over [C] Los Gatos [G] canyon
Like a [G] fireball of lightning it [C] shook all our [G] hills
Who are these friends, all [G] scattered like [Em] dry leaves?
The [G] radio [Em] says they are [C] just deport-[G]-ees

Verse 6:

Is [G] this the best way we can [C] grow our big [G] orchards?
Is [G] this the best way we can [C] grow our good [G] fruit?
To [C] fall, like dry leaves and [G] rot on your [Em] topsoil
And to [G] be called no [Em] name, ex-[C]-cept depor-[G]-tees

Chorus:

Good-[C]-bye to my Juan, good-[G]-bye Rosalita Adi-[D7]-os mis amigos,
Je- sus y Maria

You [C]won't have a name when you [G] ride the big [Em] airplane
[G] All they will [Em] call you will be [C] depor-[G]-tees [G]

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And [G] ..all they will [Em] call you.... will be..... [C] depor-.....[G]-tees .

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