



# Beyond Fronteras

Treasuring an Arizona Border Community's  
Past and Future

**My neighborhood is the sound of the family**

**The sound of dogs barking**

**It is the elotero and the teens with the bocina listening to corridos**

**Nogales is the delicious chimichangas and tacos de perro**

**Love is the sound of my nephews playing in the streets**

**Nogales is the line at 4pm full of people**

**Boys selling candies**

**Men in the money exchange houses**

**The limpia parabrisas**

**It is the long car lines waiting to go to Ross and Walmart**

**My hometown is unique**

**My hometown is joy**

**Fear is how the violence works here**

**Fear is how you don't feel safe enough**

**Love is how everyone is united**

**Love is how different and joy Nogales**

**In my hometown there are diverse emotions**

**But mainly fear**

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