

# Maria

words and music by  
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C#

6

3

4

Voice

A

A

11

Ma - ri - a is send - ing her

E

16

dol - lars through the mail

E7

21

One hund - red pe - sos lord it - 'll do her fam - ly

A

26

well She's work - ing

G

D

31

in a sweat shop in east side L. A.

A

E/g#

36

Oh Ma - ri - a your child - ren are hung - ry

F#m

41

you'd bet - ter stay Ma -

Bm

F#m

46

ri - a was mar - ried in a chap - el at age se - ven - teen

Bm

51

She did - n't choose it

F#m

56

just was meant to be

C#

61

She bore se - ven child - ren in se - ven hard

D

C#

66

years Her es - po - so kept

years

Her es - po - so kept

D

71

drink - ing in spite of her tears

drink - ing

A

76

And al - though wo - men have few rights un - der

And al - though wo - men have few rights un - der

E

81  
ro - man cath - lic rule Ah Ma -  
E7 F#m

86  
ri - a your child - ren are hung - ry it's up to you

91  
2.Now it's

2. Now it's been a long time since Maria's had a child  
 With the help of an Americano clinic in the next town  
 She says seven hungry mouths are enough to feed  
 But an hombre's not an hombre with out proof of his seed  
 So her esposo he left Maria and her niños alone  
 Maria your children are hungry send your dollars home

CHO

3. Now Maria's niños are staying with a friend  
 It'll be another year or two till she sees them again  
 The coyote runs her across for his fee  
 But his illegal service holds no guarantee  
 That she won't be swept up and sent home again  
 Maria your children are hungry, head norté my friend

4. Now Maria will go back home to Guimez someday  
 But her youngest won't recognize her anyway  
 Her oldest son's in trouble with the law  
 And one of her daughters will have a child next fall  
 And start this whole cycle up again  
 Maria your children are hungry, head norté my friend

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