

## Desconocido

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Unknown, to the world  
but not to the family  
they left behind.  
A body, unmarked  
found in the desert.  
Someone fleeing from  
danger, persecution, poverty.  
A person, who lived a life,  
marred by obstacles.  
A person, with dignity.  
A human found, maybe,  
mangled, dehydrated, weathered  
livelihood taken by the desert.  
Below freezing and scorching  
temperatures do not care  
about a migrant finding a better life.  
And who does care about this human  
found with no identity? Their family  
left to wonder about them.  
And some decent souls  
who remember desconocido,  
the unknown, and give them  
their identity back.