

Sample from a City Lore Songwriting Residency

In a songwriting residency at P.S. 11 in Woodside, Queens, two third grade classes interviewed two immigrants from Colombia, South America: Clara Lopez, a classroom teacher, and Luz Garcia, who worked in the bakery across from the school. Each class wrote two songs based on their interviews and performed their songs for the school and the two women they had interviewed. *Clara Saw an Eagle* is one of the pieces they created.

Clara Saw an Eagle

Clara saw an eagle up in the sky
The wind was blowing in her face causing her to cry
Clara saw an eagle way up high
She thought she saw her father
At the same time

Chorus:

And a tear ran down her lonely eye
She wondered why, she wondered why
It reminded her of when she had
To say goodbye, to say good bye
Manizales, Colombia – Manizales, Colombia
Manizales, Colombia – Manizales, Colombia
Clara saw an eagle up in the sky
Looking for the river where many people died
She thought she saw an angel way up high
And thought about her country
Why must people die?

Chorus:

And a tear ran down her lonely eye
She wondered why, she wondered why
It reminded her of when she had
To say goodbye, to say goodbye
Manizales, Colombia – Manizales, Colombia
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Clara saw an eagle up in the sky