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Joan Osborne, "What's That You Say"

Joan Osborne built this funky track about the immigrant experience around the spoken words of Ana Maria Rea-Ventre, a Mexican girl who settled in Texas with her family but who forever felt like she didn't belong. Osborne spent hours talking with Rea-Ventre to weave her personal tale into the song, off the upcoming album *Trouble and Strife*. "Baby was a refugee," Osborne sings in the chorus, but it's the guest narrator who has the final word: "Yo tengo miedo" — "I am no longer afraid."



