

🎵 **Title: "They Took Maria"**

[Verse 1]

It was Tuesday, just past three
She was drivin' home from work, same as me
A coffee in her cupholder, boots on the floor
Windows down, not lookin' for war

Then I saw the black Suburbans roll in
ICE stenciled bold on their armored skin
They cut her off and dragged her out
Didn't even ask what she was about

[Chorus]

They took Maria like she don't belong
Didn't care she's lived here all life long
Didn't ask, didn't check, just muscle and lies
Like her brown skin erased her rights
She screamed she's a citizen, born and raised
But they cuffed her up anyway
Now she's gone to some cell in Louisiana
And all I got is fire and a lawyer in Atlanta

[Verse 2]

I called her mama, called her man
We cried on speaker, trying to understand
She's got papers, a passport, a name
But to ICE, she's just a pawn in a game

They won't take calls, won't say where she is
Like she's vanished from the records and the grid
They won't hear me, but they'll hear this song
'Cause I'm damn well gonna scream 'til she's home

[Chorus]

They took Maria like she don't belong
Like due process was just a con

No judge, no call, just boots and hate
Another brown girl gone through the gate
But she's American, just like me
And I won't stop till she walks free
They can hide her name behind their banners
But I'll keep fightin' with this lawyer in Atlanta

[Bridge]

You don't have to be in chains to be in danger
You don't have to cross a line to be a stranger
When the system treats your face like a threat
Justice ain't justice — it's just who they let

[Final Chorus]

They took Maria and they'll take more
If we stay quiet, close our doors
So I'll raise hell with every note
And carve her name into my throat
'Cause she's my sister, my soul, my plan
And I'll fight for her like only love can
She's not a number in their scanner
She's Maria
And we've got a lawyer in Atlanta