God Is Never Ashamed of Us

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Abstract A youth is curious about why his grandfather, who helped raise him, attends church in a particular way.

My *abuelo* (grandfather) is a kind man
Olive skin
Curly hair
My grandpa said “ask me anything”
So I asked
My *abuelo* taught me how to walk
How to feed squirrels
One day we went to church
He was wearing *huaraches* (leather sandals)
And I asked him
“Why don’t you wear shoes instead?”
“Because I’m going to the house of god, and he sees us as we are—poor,
brown, Indian, fat—God is never ashamed of us.”

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