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MIJA ON THE MIKE - VOLAR

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Welcome back to Mija on the Mike, a season of reflection on our experiences as daughters of immigrants.

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For this week's solo episode. I'm traveling for work, so I wanna talk about flying.

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I am sitting in the airport for the fourth time since the beginning of the year. My work involves a lot of travel nowadays and I think about how it used to be a rare thing to fly.

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Isn't it wild that for all the airport frustrations, anxiety of traveling delays, etcetera, we all seem to forget the fact that we're all going to be flying in a metal bird and it's completely normal and safe.

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Over 100 years ago, humans stared at birds with jealousy, dreaming to take flight just like them. And yet here we are in this airport thinking about what we're gonna do and what we'll do when we're back on land, forgetting that we are driving by the heavens for a brief moment.

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Everyone around me has somewhere to be a purpose.

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A few might be flying for the first time.

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You never forget the wonderment of your first time in the air.

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I am two years old.

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I have a doll and she is dressed just like me.

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We're on our way to meet our family in Colombia for the first time.

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Me, American baby, Mami Colombian mother and my travel companion, a doll. Mami does the sign of the cross before leaving home and I get in line and again, after airport security, she's stressed. It's the first time flying with baby, the flight is short and I do not cry. The truth is I am in awe.

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What is this thing? Why is everyone so annoyed and tired? What an amazing feeling going up into the air? Look at the clouds. I can't imagine anything more beautiful. It's truly amazing. I say excitedly except the only thing mommy hears is babbling.

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I don't mind if she doesn't understand. She's smiling. When we land in Bogotá, my grandparents greet us with a big cardboard sign.

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Bienvenidas a casa, gringitas.

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Welcome home, our little American girls.

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Yeah, I'm grown up now in an airport again for the fourth time this year.

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I'm anxious and cranky like the adults I saw as a kid once I settle into my seat, I look at the sky and I try to remember how incredible it is that I am flying.

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Thanks for listening. This is Mija on the mike, a season reflection on our shared experiences as daughters of immigrants. Over the next couple of weeks I'll be sharing stories like these, and inviting guests to share theirs.

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And don't forget this season is also about you! if you have a story you'd like to share, I invite you to reach out on instagram @mijapodcast and leave us a message with a short story or memory of yours that warms your heart. We'll read it out loud on the show.

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Thanks for listening. Ciao.