

THE DIVINERS

(JENNIE MAE stays with her brother. The men cross away.)

FERRIS. (*Continued.*) You never had you no kids.

SHOWERS. Naw.

FERRIS. Never had you a wife.

SHOWERS. Ferris, I'm all I can handle.

FERRIS. Don't you like women much?

SHOWERS. All the women I courted were in church, Ferris. You can't sweet-talk em one night and preach at em next.

FERRIS. Well there's plenty a time, huh? Used to be I didn't know nothin either. I mean, when I went to marry I didn't know a damn thing. I can tell you that now cause I'm older, you see, but at the time I thought I was a genius. Women or horses or cars or what have you. I's the first one to tell you what's what. You know how I asked her to marry? How I married the wife? I says "I love you. I want you. Let's go." I didn't know the first thing about women, C.C.

SHOWERS. Were you sure that you loved her?

FERRIS. Was I sure that I loved her?

SHOWERS. I mean, bein so young . . .

FERRIS. I was crazy about her. Ain't a day that goes by I don't think a that woman. Lie to bed in the mornin, I think how she was. See the house, see the kids, you can't help but remember. I was head over heals in love . . . (*Pause.*) Never came cross my mind I could lose her, I guess. You wake up one mornin and she ain't there no more . . . but you still keep on lovin, you see? I mean, she made me so happy. She's my darlin, my Sara. And nothin on earth gonna change it. (*Pause.*) Course now bein a husband was a piece a damn cake compared to bein a Daddy full time. I wasn't married a year and she give me a daughter. I was just gettin used to a wife.