

INT. LIVING ROOM- DAY

Mac enters with groceries.

SUE ANNE
Do you recognize me?

MAC
Yes I do.

SUE ANNE
How do you recognize me?

MAC
I just did.

ROSA LEE
(Stands next to Mac, then crosses with her son)
Y'all excuse us.

SUE ANNE
You've changed. You don't look like your pictures anymore.

MAC
Don't I? Well, God knows when the last picture of me was taken. It don't make a whole lotta difference about this but I did try to get in touch with you. I wrote a few letters. Did you ever get em'?

SUE ANNE
No.

MAC
Well you're mama didn't have to give em' to you. Courts gave her a complete jurisdiction. Quite rightly I guess, considering my state at the time.

SUE ANNE
I told mama I was coming here. She told me she'd have me arrested if I did. Then Harry reminded her that I'm eighteen now and I don't have to mind anybody. Mama says you tried to kill her once.

MAC
I did.

SUE ANNE
Why'd you try to kill her?

MAC
Well, she got me mad some way. I was drunk. I dunno, it was one of those things.

SUE ANNE

Someone told mama the other night you were the best country western singer they've ever heard. Mama threw a glass of whiskey right in her face. She said they were just sayin' that to spite her. You think you ever will sing again?

MAC

Oh, I think about it once in a while. Sometimes I think I like to earn a little money to make things a little easier around here or to-to help out if you ever needed anything.

SUE ANNE

I don't need any money. Mama set up a trust fund for me outta all the royalties she's ever earned signing the songs that you wrote. I can buy myself anything I want. Anything I got's come from your music.

MAC

Well I'm happy for that, but it wasn't just my music, it was your mama singing it too. Now, you mustn't forget that.

SUE ANNE

I know.

MAC

You have some supper with us?

SUE ANNE

Well, thank you. No, I cant. I have a date tonight. Plays in mama's band. We have to sneak around because mama don't like him. Would you like to meet him? He'd like to meet you.

MAC

I don't think this a good idea. I- I really wouldn't want your mama to think we was ganging up on her behind her back.

SUE ANNE

Well, I could tell her I'm bringing him here.

MAC

Alright then.

SUE ANNE

How about Tomorrow afternoon?

MAC

Fine.

SUE ANNE

2 o'clock?

MAC

Anytime. I'll be here.

SUE ANNE

You know you haven't spoken my name once since I been here. Don't you know my name?

MAC

Sure I know your name. I just kinda been figuring out to my self what I out to call you. When you were a little girl. I use to call you Sister. I started calling you that this time when I saw you but I didn't know if it would mean anything to you or not er if you'd remember me doin' that.

SUE ANNE

There was a song you use to sing to me when I was little I think. It was something about a dove. Mama said she never heard you sing it to me. I think it went something about a— on the wings of the snow white dove, he sends his something something love.

MAC

I don't remember that. I don't

SUE ANNE exits