

CROSS CREEK

GEECHEE

I packed. I be going off with Leroy now. I guess I'd be going. I got something to asks you

MARJORIE

Certainly

GEECHEE

You satisfied with my work around here?

MARJORIE

Of course I am.

GEECHEE

Then how come you let me go. Just like that.

MARJORIE

I assumed you wanted to go.

GEECHEE

So what if I did wanted to what kinda person let another person do something they know would hurt her.

MARJORIE

Geechee, I don't understand you. I don't have any right to stop you.

GEECHEE

You do if you care about me. You know what Leroy gone do to me. Use me up and spend all his time in juke joints drinking up my paycheck just like before. I had a good life here. I got a better life at the creek than...

MARJORIE

...I don't want you to go. I thought you knew that.

GEECHEE

How I'm supposed to know that? It's easy to get somebody for cooking and sweeping.

MARJORIE

I think of you as a friend.

GEECHEE

You care about me and you was gonna let me go away?

MARJORIE

It's very difficult to leave someone you've been with.
Afterwards the loneliness...

GEECHEE

...I understand lonesome. My life with Leroy was lonesome. Probably would be again. But you a woman and you live by yourself and don't nobody take advantage of you. I been watching how you do it. That's what I want to be like. That's something I learned off of you. I ain't going on no train with Leroy and that's final. He ain't never done nothing but wrong to me. Ain't nobody ever done for me what you done. Giving me decent wages and lending me your car. No us'll do fine. Us'll do betta.

MARJORIE

I'm glad you're staying Geechee, I really am.

GEECHEE

Now that we friends, I got something to tell you you don't know.

MARJORIE

What is it?

GEECHEE

On paper you might be real smart, but in real life you got a lot to learn. A whole lot.

MARJORIE

Is that so?

GEECHEE

You can't go letting people you like walk out on you. You almost lost me. You gonna lose Mr. Norton too.

MARJORIE

I don't wish to discuss it.

GEECHEE

I don't know what I stay here with you for, you old bad
tempered woman.

MARJORIE

Just crazy I guess?

GEECHEE

I guess so.