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Floyd's Monologue

Notes

(Quietly): I had seven ways to go. They cut that down to six. I say, "Let me try one of them six." They cut it down to five. Every time I push . . . they pull. They cut it down to four. I say, "What's the matter? Everything can't go wrong all the time." They cut it down to three. I say, "Three is better than two-- I really don't need but one." They cut it down to two. See . . . I am going to Chicago. If I have to buy me a graveyard and kill everybody I see. I am going to Chicago. I don't want to live my life without. Everybody I know live without. I don't want to do that. I want to live with. I don't know what you all think of yourself, but I think I'm supposed to have. Whatever it is. Have something. Have anything. My mama lived and died she ain't had nothing. If it ain't nothing but peace of mind, then let me have that. My mama ain't had two dimes to rub together. And ain't had but one stick. She got to do without the fire. Some kind of warmth in her life. I don't want to live in a cold house. It a cold world, let me have a little shelter from it. That's all I want. Floyd Barton is gonna make his record. Floyd Barton is going to Chicago.

