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hum a little
cry a little
~~for him there~~
~~cry~~ ~~hum~~
~~take away~~

Curfains - light - hummest -
Slap jar, Cloue "Could have been
cooler if she would ^{move} ~~go~~ to the other side of
the bed. This side. But she treated his
pillow like his head was still on it."

Cold - hat - open window - quilt - "Jenny"

Took to calling me "Jenny"
I tended her like I would have
tended my own mother if she
needed me. If they had let her
out the vice. ^{because} I was the one she
didn't throw away.

①

~~talked about her wedding. Said she was
strong as a mule. Sewed~~

~~Hated the medicine - but took it
all in one day. Had to send
a pupil for more~~

But I wasn't too nasty to cook
their food on take care of Mrs.
Garner. I tended her

I couldn't have done more for her than
I would my ^{own} moth Ma'am. if she was to
take sick and heed me. and I'd of

stayed with her till she got well or died
~~the both one or the other~~

And I would have stayed after ~~she was~~ ^{that}
~~that~~ except Nan ^{snatched} ~~put~~ me back.

Before I could ~~start~~ ^{look} for the sign. It
was her all right. But for a long time
I ~~wouldn't~~ ^{didn't} believe it. ^{I looked} Every where

for that hat. Stepped right in a ^{small}
~~at some cow dung~~ ^{looking for her hat.}
Not watching where I was going.
Looking at the women working rice.
for her hat. ^ But that's ~~all over now~~.
I'm here. I started. And my girl
come home.

Shattered
after that.
Didn't stop
till I
saw Hattie.

Here ② Funny how you lose sight of
something, ~~how they looked~~ and
~~memory~~ ^{memory} others. I never will forget

that white girl's hands. Army. But I
forget the color of ^{all that} ~~her~~ hair: ^{on her head} Eyes
must have been grey, though. Seem like I

do ~~memory~~ ^{memory} that. Mrs. Garner's
was ^{light} brown. — white she was

well. Got dark when she took
sick. A ^{strong woman,} tried to be. And when

She faked off her head she'd say it.
"I used to be strong as a mule, Jenny."

Called me Jenny when she was
babbling, and I can bear witness
to that. Tall and strong. The two of us
on a cord of wood was as good as two
men. Hurt her like the devil not to be able
to raise her head off the pillow. Still
can't figure why she thought she
needed schoolteacher ^{through}. I wonder if she
lasted (like I did) Last time I saw her
she couldn't do nothing but cry. ~~She~~

{ And I couldn't do a thing for her but ^{wipe her face} ~~told~~ ^{when}
her - what they done to me. Somebody had
to know it. Somebody. [~~besides~~
schoolteacher wouldn't treat her way
he treated me.] First beating I
took was the last. And nobody
~~was~~ going to keep me from my
children. Hadn't been for me
tending her ^{maybe} I would have known

What happened. Maybe Halle
was trying to get to me. I stood
by her bed waiting for her to
finish ~~the~~ ^{with} the slop jar. When I
got her back in the bed she said she
was cold. Hot as blazes and
she wanted quilts. Said to shut the
window. I told her no. - ~~because~~

She needed ^{the} cover, I needed ^{the} breeze.
Long as those yellow curtains
~~yellow was the color~~
flapped I was alright. Should
have heeded her. Maybe what I heard
Next minute

Doctor gave her two kinds of medicine
she hated em both but one ^{she} took
all of ~~in one day~~ ^{in one day}. Made me
call on the pupils to ^{go} get more.

Sounded like shots ~~there~~ ^{really was.}

Maybe I would have seen
somebody or something. Maybe.
Anyhow I took my babies to

A - Daylight - mid morning -
men hear the rattle

See
Calendar

Noon
Hattie goes to gate (Shut at
Runs
hides)

Sethe tending Mrs G.
(has been for 2 nights)

Supper time

Paul G. caught baring
a tool - jumps into a ditch
and breaks both legs

Paul D. goes to riverbed
waits for ~~Steele~~ P.G. w/30

The Corn, Halle or no, Jesus.
When I heard that woman's
rattle.

Any more? She said.
I been here all night.

I don't know I tried her.

I can't wait. ←

Can you get
please

Can't ^{do it} come on.

Ha-ha!
I have to go back - ~~my~~ ^{my} ~~house~~
Will you take these children? IN case

Woman?

[Daylight] Take em. I catch up.

Denver don't like for me to talk about it.
She hates anything about S.H. Except how
she was born. ~~So I hear~~ But you was
there and even if you too young to
~~remember~~ ^{memory} it I can tell ^{it to} you. The
Grape arbor. You memory that? I can
so fast. This beat me to you.

Bit a piece of my tongue off. It was
hanging by a shred. When they ~~opened~~
my back. I didn't mean to. Clamped
down on it, it came right off & I thought

Good god I'm going to eat myself up.

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