

Monday eve:

Aug 23, 1943

Dear mama:

As I havent heard from you but one time senCe you been down there, thought I would write again, hope you got my letter by now.

How are you getting along by now? hope this finds you O.K. I sure dont feel good and I am so worried and torn up I Ca'n't hardly write. I just got a letter from Dennard and Ellis today also one from Lillie.

Mama, you just dont know how bad all of us Children are hurt, you may think I am just saying this but it is the truth, I have heard

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From all of them send you
left and I don't see how you
can stay down there. Mama
you just don't know how much
better it would make me feel
to know that you was back at
home. Mama please take it
serious and just think about
it. Dennard and Ellis Can't
Cook and just think what
if one of them were to get ~~back~~
bad sick, what would they
do. It is not that we just
want you there to work, but
you should be there anyway as
it is your home and you should
be there wheather you worked or
not as you had a house to keep of
your own. I know you may have

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thought that you had a poor
hard time, but still you had
a lot too be thankful for
and just thank how bad I want
to be at home, but I Can't and
you could be there, but you
are not. I know if I were you
I would be at home as you said
in your letter that you had
rather be at home as down there.
I know that I would not stay
down there just for a few dollars
when I could be at home with
my love one's and Children
or at least part of the Children
anyway. Mamma I bet you don't
have any idea how much they
miss you at home. I know you
did your part of the work at home

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and I am sure Ellis and Dennard
did their part too, but they could
not help it if you didn't have
money too spend everytime
you ~~may~~ may have wanted or needed
some. You know I would give
you some money if you had ask
me and I don't think you should
have mine asking me either as
I always send you some
money if you ask me and if I
got any money. Mama please
hurry and go home as Ellis said
he guessed he would have to go
to the Army when they got
the Crop gathered. Mama I
don't know what I would do
if they got Ellis in the Army
and just think what would

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happen to our home and what
would Dennard do, I guess
I would go Crazy anyway.
I am almost that way now.
Mama you know you don't
want to let Ellis go to the
Army if you might or could
help it and keep him at home.
Mama, please, if you ever
done anything that I wanted
you too do any worse than I
and the rest of the Children
want you too Come home,
please do this now before it
is too late. I don't see how
you left the boys as bad as it
hurt them. Ellis said he sure
did feel sorry for Dennard, as
he is the baby, I didn't think

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you would have left him under
no Condentions. He always
seem to be more of a mama
boy than he did a Dady boy
while Dad was living. Mama
You know you don't want to do
something that would be
displeasing to Dad if he was
living and you know it would
hurt him so bad if he knew
that you left Dennard and Ellis
at home by themselves, to go
somewhere to make a few dollars,
mama I am so worried about it
I Can't get my mind off of it,
and I just try to write you
again as a mother's boy begging
you with all my heart to hurry
and Come home. Did You know

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relieved, trusting I will hear from
you at home real soon and let me
know how much money you need, and
real soon, lots of love, Lenard.

Those people before you went
down there. Mama I know

you love your Children
and home better than you

love the few dollars that
you get for staying down

there, so please hurry and
come home, do it for your

Children who are the dearest
one's too you in the world; that

you need them and they
need you. The Crop may be short,

but I know all you all did your
best too make something and

I think you all did good considering
the seasons. Mama if you

ever expect to do anything for me,
please do it now, and hurry and go

home, that my mind may be greatly
(To K)