

GROUP 1  
SOMEWHERE IN THE CITY  
THERE'S A MADMAN WAITING  
STANDING IN THE SHADOWS  
WITH A GUN IN HIS HANDS

CONKLIN, GROUP  
SOMEWHERE IN THE CITY  
STANDING IN THE SHADOWS

ALL  
A MAN OF COLOR  
WHO IS CALMLY STATING  
COALHOUSE DEMANDS

COALHOUSE AND HIS MEN

WE'LL PLAY THEM THE MUSIC  
OF SOMETHING BEGINNING!

SOMEWHERE IN THE CITY  
COALHOUSE!

AN ERA EXPLODING, A CENTURY  
SPINNING -  
LISTEN TO THAT RAGTIME!

(THEY fire their guns. People react.

MOTHER and YOUNGER BROTHER are sitting  
around a table. MOTHER has Sarah's baby  
with her. FATHER stands with a pistol.  
THE LITTLE BOY watches.)

*START  
FATHER 2*

FATHER

We are suffering a tragedy that should not have been ours.  
What in God's name possessed you? You took that woman in  
without sufficient thought. And she brought Coalhouse into our  
lives. You have victimized us all with your foolish female  
sentimentality.

YOUNGER BROTHER

Are you going out to find him and shoot him?

FATHER

I'm protecting my home. If Mr. Walker makes the mistake of  
coming to my door I will deal with him.

YOUNGER BROTHER

Why should he come here? We did not desecrate his car.

FATHER

I went to the police. I told them this murdering madman was a  
guest in my home. I told them we are keeping his bastard  
child. I told them everything I knew. They were very grateful

*END  
FATHER 2*

YOUNGER BROTHER

Did you tell them he's the Negro maniac whose car they  
destroyed? The same black man who went to them for justice but  
whose every legal complaint they ignored? The same crazed  
Negro killer who followed the coffin of a woman they murdered?  
Were they grateful for the truth?