

*The girls laugh and celebrate*

CRYSTAL: *[Sees AUDREY]* Well look who's here.  
AUDREY: Hi girls. Am I late?  
RONNETTE: Sure are  
AUDREY: Oh God. Did I miss it?  
CHIFFON: Sure did  
AUDREY: Seymour's first radio broadcast. I tried to cheer him on. I wanted to be here on time but...  
LIBERTY: Don't tell me.  
FIVE GIRLS: You got tied up?  
AUDREY: No, just... handcuffed a little....

*The girls laugh [CRYSTAL and CHIFFON cross and position themselves on the L stoop]*

DIAMOND: Girl, I don't know who this mess is you hangin' out with, but he is hazardous to your health.  
*[joins the other GIRLS on the stoop]*  
AUDREY: That's for sure. But I can't leave him.  
LIBERTY: Why not?  
AUDREY: He'd get angry. And if he does this to me when he likes me, imagine what he'd do if he ever got mad.  
CRYSTAL: So dump the chump, get a new guy, and let him protect you.  
CHIFFON: And we got one all picked out.  
RONNETTE: A little botanical genius  
CRYSTAL: And she aint talking about George Washington Carver  
AUDREY: Seymour?  
ALL FIVE: Bingo  
AUDREY: Oh we're just friends. I could never be Seymour's girl. I've got a past.  
CHIFFON: And who amongst us does not?  
  
AUDREY: Aww. I don't even deserve a sweet, considerate, suddenly successful guy like Seymour.  
RONNETTE: Mm mm mm. This child suffers from serious low self-image.  
CHIFFON: You have a point  
CRYSTAL: She have a problem