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**CHOIR**

OPEN YOUR HEART  
LET JESUS IN...

**CARRIE**

I love you, Momma.

OOH –

**CHOIR****MARGARET**

I love *you*, Carrie. Now, go wash your hands, and set the table for dinner, please. I have a lot of work to finish.

OOH –

**CHOIR**

*(She turns off the radio and busies herself with a pile of clothing.)*

**CARRIE**

Momma?

**MARGARET**

Just as the laundry was about to close, Eleanor Snell brought in some last-minute alterations. I think the Snells are having a graduation party for Sue. She's in your class, isn't she?

**CARRIE**

Momma, listen –

**MARGARET**

Anyway, Eleanor said she'd pay double, so I'll be up all night trying to get it all done. Heaven knows, we can use the extra money.

**CARRIE**

Momma, *please* – something happened at school today. Something terrible.

**MARGARET**

Terrible things are the Lord's way of testing us, Carrie.

**CARRIE**

I know, but the other girls –

**MARGARET**

You're not like the other girls.

**CARRIE**

But I am, Momma – I *am*. I never thought so, but –

**MARGARET**

You're not, Carrie – you're special. *Special*.

**CARRIE**

You're not listening to me, Momma.

**MARGARET**

I've heard all I want to hear. Now go set the table.

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Momma, in the shower – **CARRIE**

What have I told you about showering with the other girls? **MARGARET**

I know, but – **CARRIE**

What have I told you? **MARGARET**

Sin. It's a sin. **CARRIE**

And as such, it is forbidden. **MARGARET**

But Momma – **CARRIE**

*Forbidden.* **MARGARET**

I started to *bleed!* **CARRIE**

### **MUSIC 5: AND EVE WAS WEAK**

*(MARGARET takes in this news: her worst fear actualized.)*

#### **CARRIE (CONT'D)**

Momma, I started to bleed, and the other girls, they laughed at me and called me names, and I was so *scared.*

*(seeing her mother's face)*

Momma, why are you looking at me like that?

*(whispers)*

The Curse of Blood.... **MARGARET**

*(She takes a Bible from a drawer.)*

Momma, you're frightening me. **CARRIE**

Bow your head and pray, woman. **MARGARET**