

Prologue

Marianne Faithfull

So my sister and I left Louisiana
Where the moon on the Mississippi is a-shining ever,
Like you always hear in the songs of Dixie.
We look forward to our home-coming?
And the sooner the better.

Anna II

And the sooner the better!

Anna I

It's a month already since we started
For the great big cities where you go to make money.
In seven years our fortune will be made
And then we can go back.

Anna II

In six years would be much nicer.

Anna I

Our mom and dad and both our brothers wait in old Louisiana
And we'll send them all our money as we make it,
For all the money's got to go to build a little house
Down by the Mississippi in Louisiana.

Right, Anna ?

Ana II

Yes, Anna.

Anna I

She's the one with the looks, I'm realistic,
She's just a little mad, my head is on straight.
But we're really one divided being
Even though you see two of us
And both of us are Anna,
Together we've but a single past, a single future,
One heart and one savings account,
And we only do what's best for one another.

Right, Anna?

Anna II

Yes, Anna.