

## **FENCES by August Wilson**

**BONO:** Troy... I done known you seem like damn near my whole life. You and Rose both. I done know both of you all for a long time. I remember when you met Rose. When you was hitting them baseball out the park. A lot of them old gals was after you then. You had the pick of the litter. When you picked Rose, I was happy for you. That was the first time I knew you had any sense. I said... My man Troy knows what he's doing... I'm gonna follow this nigger... he might take me somewhere. I been following you too. I done learned a whole heap of things about life watching you. I done learned how to tell where the shit lies. How to tell it from the alfalfa. You done learned me a lot of things. You showed me how to not make the same mistakes... to take life as it comes along and keep putting one foot in front of the other. (Pause.) Rose a good woman, Troy. She loves you, Troy. Rose loves you. I know what Rose means to you, Troy. I'm just trying to say I don't want to see you mess that up. Well, that's all I got to say. I just say that because I love you both.

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