***Sweat***

Audition Sides – Chris

*Absolutely no expectation for you to have this memorized. Give it all you’ve got and don’t be afraid! - Cleopatra*

1.

There was this this one night you had a big meeting at the house. (. . .) Like ten-fifteen guys. It was loud, like a street brawl. I was hiding in the doorway, I had no idea what you guys were talking about, but it felt like it was gonna get ugly⎯ (. . .) And suddenly you stood up, and for like a second you looked like another man, bigger, like a Transformer, and when you spoke everyone got real calm and began nodding. You said, um . . . “We. . .we will not continue to bare our backs for them to strike us down.” (. . .) And you know, yesterday as I was walking the line, and listening to Lester tell us about what we’d have to sacrifice to keep the plant running, all I could think about was your words that evening. You! What it means to stand strong.

2.

I told my girl that things were gonna be tight for a little while. And she’s all like, “What does that mean for us?” I break it down. It’s gonna get real. And she’s like, “Well you need to find another job, playa.” I tell her that’s what I’m trying to do. But she got that old-school mentality, she wants what she wants in the moment, and can’t be thinking about tomorrow. Yo, she was too much work for a man outta work. She was plenty happy when I was a paycheck, numbers and pretty things, but the minute I ask her to borrow twenty dollars to put a little gas in the car she treats me like I’ve broken into her crib. What’s that about?