

SHOWERS. (Continued.) Would you stop singing and listen? This is nothing to do with the Church or the spirit! I'm done with the Church! Would you listen? Stop singing and listen!

Buddy. He can breathe in a water!

SHOWERS. I'm not gonna baptize him, damn it! Don't make me a preacher!

Buddy. He's breathin! (Buddy steps into the deepest area of the river and is suddenly underwater. At the same moment a sound of something representing underwater silence is heard - very loud, a sort of wail. Wind runs at half speed and mixed with a little water sound works pretty well. All action immediately takes on the water's perspective and shifts to extreme or film-like slow motion. The preacher is yelling at the women. No one notices Buddy underwater. When the boy rises the action suddenly shifts into normal stage speed and sound. The sound effects shifts off momentarily.) C.C.: SHOWERS. (Overlapping.) Would you listen to me!

(Buddy's immediately back underwater and the sound effect and slow motion resume. JENNIE MAE enters in slow motion, looking over the water, and sees Buddy as he rises for the second time.)

Buddy. Mama -!

JENNIE MAE. Buddy -!

(The boy is immediately back under water, and the sound effect is immediately up again. SHOWERS turns as JENNIE MAE screams and sees the boy is missing. He goes underwater and searches the river bottom for the boy. Buddy, as if fighting the current, is slipping several yards cross stage and fighting to pull himself back. SHOWERS searches the

river bottom on his belly, pulling himself along the raked stage, feeling along before him with his hands. When he needs air he pulls himself back towards the women, and bursts from the water.)

NORMA. Thy Kingdom come! Thy will be done! JENNIE MAE. (Overlapping.) My brother! My brother!

(As SHOWERS goes under again the sound comes back up as before. GOLDIE is holding JENNIE MAE back from the water. NORMA is praying as if it will somehow save the boy. As the preacher rises again:)

NORMA. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive! GOLDIE. (Overlapping.) It's alright! JENNIE MAE. (Overlapping.) My brother!

(SHOWERS goes under water immediately and the sound comes back on. He searches, nearly reaching the boy. He stays under as long as he can. The boy dies as the preacher pulls himself towards shore. As he rises:)

NORMA. And the glory forever and ever! (Slight pause.) Amen.

(There is only the sound of the gently flowing water and SHOWERS coughing, gasping for air. He pulls himself part way on to the river bank and turns, looking over the water.)

SHOWERS. Oh, my God. Oh my God my God my God my God...

TOGETHER

SCUE 29 VISUAL  
OUR  
SCUE 30 UNDERWATER  
SCUE 31 OUT VISUAL  
SCUE 32 UNDERWATER  
SCUE 33 BALLOON  
JR 009

SCUE 34 OUT VISUAL  
SCUE 35 UNDERWATER  
SCUE 36 OUT VISUAL  
SCUE 37 UNDERWATER

SCUE 38 OUT VISUAL  
SCUE 39 UNDERWATER  
SCUE 40 SLOW FADE OUT

SCUE 41  
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