

Seven Guitars

Scenic Breakdown

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Scene	Pages	Major Scene Points	Mood	Important Items	Characters Present	Location	Time of Day	Lighting
ACT ONE								
1	1-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Characters are coming back from the cemetery where they buried Floyd Barton · Remebering Floyd 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Somber, muted, a sense of mystery · Reverie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · A lot of earth → heaven references · Seeing angels (6) · Six angels carrying the seventh one up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Louise · Red Carter · Vera · Canewell · Hedley 	In the yard	Probably midday	SR Sidelight warm, Toplight neutral, warm cyc w/ cloud gobos, dim texture on stage, main house lit inside
2	6-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Floyd is a blues singer and is 35 · Vera is 27 · Both are dancing outside to music · Floyd had to pawn his guitar · Floyd wants Vera to go back to Chicago with him · Louise and Floyd don't get along 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Wanting · A push and pull · Not moving backwards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The rooster · Floyd's music · Hidden resentment towards Canewell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Floyd · Vera · Louise 	In the yard	Early evening - flashback scene	SL Sidelight cool lavender, Toplight, cooler ombre sunset cyc w/out gobos, chicken wire texture, main house lit inside

3	16-30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Hedley and Louise have a transactionary relationship · Hedley keeps how much people owe him in a notebook Hedley is 59 and has TB · Canewell likes Vera · Canewell holds resentment for Floyd · Hedley is into the extreme parts of the Bible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Relaxed banter between acquaintances · Turns into a game of strength between Floyd and Canewell · Days of reckoning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · lungs = roots · Coughing up blood · Goldenseal plant · Electric guitar · Suffering from the pain of living · medicine vs. herbal · killing (chickens) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Louise · Hedley · Canewell · Vera 	In the yard	Next morning, maybe around 9 or 10am	SR Sidelight warm, Toplight neutral, warm cyc w/out gobos, chicken wire gobos, window light main house
4	30-51	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Louise is 48 years old · Louise's niece is coming to live with her and is pregnant · Louise's husband left her after 12 years · Red Carter's entrance, just had another baby · Red Carter is a womanizer · Red Carter is in Floyd's band · Canewell plays the harmonica in Floyd's band 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Louise and Vera reminiscing, not in a good way · Honesty comes out · Lies and deceit · Remembrance · Life vs. death 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Floyd's guitar · Smoking cigars · Pistols · Eggs and chicken · Money · Handcuffs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Floyd · Vera · Louise · Canewell · Red Carter · Hedley 	In the yard	4 or 5pm	SL Sidelight cool lavender, Warm Front fill, Toplight, warmer sunset cyc w/out gobos, roots texture, alt. house lit

5	51-64	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Everyone is listening to the boxing match on the radio · Celebrating the victory, everyone dances · Red Carter and Vera dance and Floyd gets jealous · Ruby arrives, she is 25 · Red & Canewell fight over Ruby · Hedley murders the rooster 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Celebration · Jealousy · Increasing agitation · Push and pull · Reckoning and Murder 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Radio · Pistol · Rooster · Cards · Knife · Circle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Floyd · Vera · Louise · Canewell · Red Carter · Hedley · Ruby 	In the yard	6 or 7pm	SL Sidelight cool lavender, Warm Front fill, Toplight, cooler sunset cyc w/out gobos, roots and chicken wire texture, both houses lit
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ACT TWO

1	65-71	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Hedley is making sandwiches · Hedley talks with Ruby about his real name and how he wants to sire the black Messiah to free black people from bondage · Hedley is jealous of Floyd with Ruby · Hedley rants about Buddy Bolden, Floyd can't get his electric guitar back yet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Hopes and dreams · Illusions · Jealousy · Frustration · Prophezizing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Radio · Guitar · Candy · Money 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Hedley · Ruby · Floyd 	In the yard	Mid morning	SR Sidelight warm, Toplight neutral, warm/light blue cyc w/ gobos, chicken wire gobos, window light main house upstairs
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2	71-77	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Louise and Vera are making red and white crepe flowers · Vera is thinking of going to Chicago · Ruby talks about the jealousy of men · Ruby is pregnant · Floyd got a date to record, Canewell is joining him · Hedley enters, angry that Louise and the board of health want him to go into the sanitarium 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Hopes and dreams · Merriment · Isolation · Quarantine · Choosing life vs. death 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Red and white · Flowers · Roses · Letters · Dirt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Louise · Vera · Ruby · Floyd · Canewell · Hedley 	In the yard	Dinner time, 4:30 or 5pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SL Sidelight lavender, Toplight neutral, Warm front light, warm cyc, roots gobos, main house light dim glow
3	78-82	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Floyd went to meet his manager and he didn't show up · Floyd blames Canewell for leaving · They talk about going to Chicago and how things need to change · Floyd's manager got arrested for selling fake insurance · Floyd says he's going to "live with" in Chicago 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Bickering · Fuming · False hope · Dejected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Time · Guitars · Information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Floyd · Canewell · Red Carter 	In the yard	10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SR Sidelight warm, Toplight neutral, warm/light blue cyc w/ gobos, chicken wire gobos
4	82-87	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Red Carter is reminiscing on how America used to be · Floyd didn't come home last night, no one could find him 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Bad luck · Stressed & worried 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Seven · Rooster 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Vera · Louise · Red Carter · Ruby · Canewell · Hedley 	In the yard	9:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SR Sidelight warm, Toplight neutral, warm/light blue cyc w/out gobos, roots gobos, chicken wire gobos

5	88-90	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · It looks like the TB is starting to get to Hedley · Ruby enters due to Hedley yelling in the yard · Hedley keeps yelling at Ruby that he wants her · Ruby and Hedley have sex 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Descent into madness · Defeated Lust 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Circles · Dog · Machete 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Hedley · Ruby 	In the yard	11:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SR Sidelight warm, Toplight neutral, warm/light blue cyc w/out gobos, chicken wire gobos
6	90-93	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Floyd is burying something in the garden · Floyd got a new electric guitar · Floyd has been gone for 2 days · Floyd bought 2 bus tickets, called the record company, booked a hotel, and asked Vera to marry him · Vera gave herself an out and bought herself a one way back to Pittsburgh if she needs it. She's going to Chicago 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Secrets · Hopes and dreams · Skepticism and unkept promises · Renewal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Electric guitar · Roses · Tickets · Dirt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Floyd · Vera 	In the yard	Early evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SL Sidelight lavender, Toplight neutral, Warm front light, warm cyc, roots & chicken wire gobos, main house light on

7	93-100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Louise and Vera are going to the Blue Goose · Louise sits down and muddles over things · Ruby and Hedley are still a thing · Hedley is going to the sanitarium, too late · Ruby is going to say that the baby is Hedley's · Canewell comes and says 3 people robbed a loan office and one died · Canewell tells Vera he loves her 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Thinking things over · New hopes · Unrequited love · Anticipation · Excitement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Money · Blood · Robbery · Flowers · Electric Guitar · Red 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Louise · Vera · Ruby · Canewell · Floyd · Red Carter 	In the yard	Later in the evening, 8pm	SL Sidelight lavender, Toplight neutral, sun has set cyc, roots gobos, USC and DSL window lights on, SR window at a glow
8	100-104	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Everyone is coming back from the Blue Goose · Canewell notices that the goldenseal's roots are uncovered · Canewell finds the money that Floyd hid in the garden · Floyd and Canewell fight · Canewell discovers Floyd helped rob the loan office · Hedley comes in drunk and thinks Floyd is Buddy Bolden with his money · Hedley kills Floyd for the money 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Reeling from a good time · Anger · Realizations · Amazement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Goldenseal plant · Musical instruments · Blue and white hankerchief w/ \$1,200 · Pistol · Blood · Machete 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Louise · Vera · Canewell · Floyd · Hedley 	In the yard	11pm	SL Sidelight lavender, SR Sidelight Cool, Toplight neutral, deep purple blue colored cyc, roots gobos, SR window at a glow

	104-9 107	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The group is sitting in the yard talking about Floyd's death · No one knows who killed him · Hedley doesn't remember killing Floyd 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Remembering · Sitting around and chatting · Sadness · Silence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Light · Dirty money 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Louise · Red Carter · Canewell · Hedley · Ruby · Vera 	In the yard	Next morning 10:30am	SR Sidelight warm, Toplight neutral, warm/light blue cyc w/ gobos, chicken wire gobos, window light main house upstairs
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