

~~the sound of a car starting up and driving off.)~~

- SCOUT                   Why is it a sin to kill a mockingbird?
- CALPURNIA           Well, I reckon because mockingbirds don't eat people's gardens, don't nest in the corn-cribs; they don't do one thing but just sing their hearts out for us.
- JEM                    'd you see him, Cal? He did it so quick.
- CALPURNIA           Forgot to tell you the other day that in his time your father was the deadeest shot in Maycomb County.
- JEM                    *(echoing)* Dead shot...
- CALPURNIA           That's what I said, Jem Finch. Didn't you know his nickname was 'Ol One-Shot when he was a boy? Why when he was growing up, if he shot fifteen times and hit fourteen doves he'd complain about wasting ammunition.
- JEM                    He never said anything about that.
- SCOUT                Wonder why he never goes huntin' now.
- CALPURNIA           Well, maybe I can tell you. If your father's anything, he's civilized in his heart. Shootin's a gift of God, a talent, but it's different from playing the piano or the like. I think maybe he put his gun down when he realized that God had given him an unfair advantage over most living things.
- SCOUT                Looks like he'd be proud of it.
- CALPURNIA           People in their right minds never take pride in their talents. *(going into the house)* Now you two stay away from that dog.
- ~~SCOUT                We'll really have something to tell 'em when school starts.~~
- ~~JEM                    Don't say anything about it, Scout.~~
- ~~SCOUT                What? I certainly will. Ain't everybody's daddy the deadeest shot in Maycomb County.~~
- ~~JEM                    I reckon if he'd wanted us to know it, he'da told us.~~
- ~~SCOUT                Maybe it just slipped his mind.~~
- ~~JEM                    Naw, Scout, it's something you wouldn't understand. Atticus is real old, but I wouldn't care if he couldn't do a blessed thing. Atticus is~~