

JEM *~~Please, sir.~~*

ATTICUS ~~Well, I'll tell you what. You eat your supper - slowly now, you won't miss anything important - and Cal can bring you back.~~

CALPURNIA ~~Sir?~~

ATTICUS ~~They've heard it all up to now, they might as well hear the rest. (to the children again) If the jury's still out, you can sit with Cal in the balcony. But I expect it'll be over before you get back.~~

JEM ~~You think they'll acquit him that fast? (Atticus hesitates, then leaves without answering.)~~

CALPURNIA ~~I should skin every one of you alive! The very idea - you children listening to all that!~~

JEM ~~Don't you want to hear about it, Cal?~~

CALPURNIA ~~Hush your mouth, sir. Don't you know better 'n to take your little sister to that trial? Y'all oughta be perfectly ashamed of yourselves.~~

JEAN LOUISE ~~Calpurnia marched us home, fed us, and against her will marched us back again, all the time muttering...~~

CALPURNIA ~~... 'shamed of yourselves.~~

JEAN LOUISE ~~Reverend Sykes had saved our places. We were surprised to find that we had been gone nearly an hour, and were equally surprised to find the courtroom exactly as we had left it, with minor changes: Tom was gone; the judges bench and jury box were empty.~~

JEM How long has the jury been out?

REV. SYKES 'Bout thirty minutes. Mr. Finch and Mr. Gilmer did some more talkin' and Judge Taylor charged the jury. Seemed like he was mighty fair-minded.

JEM Don't fret, Reverend, we've won it. Don't see how any jury could convict on what we heard -

REV. SYKES Mister Jem I've never seen any jury decide in favor of a black man.

SCOUT What time is it Reverend?

REV. SYKES Gettin' on toward eight.

JEAN LOUISE ~~I had never seen a packed courtroom so still. Sometimes a baby~~