

# SIDE ONE

**DELORIS**

What do you think, Curtis?

**CURTIS**

Baby, you look good, you move good, you sound good.

**DELORIS**

So can I sing in your club?

**CURTIS**

No.

**DELORIS**

What?

**CURTIS**

You're not ready to sing in my club.

**DELORIS**

But Curtis, you promised me!

**CURTIS**

I promised you I'd think about it.

**DELORIS**

But I'm ready.

**CURTIS**

What do you think boys?

**TJ**

Uncle Curtis, I thought they were good.

**ERNIE / JOEY / PABLO**

Yeah!

**CURTIS**

What?

**ERNIE**

They're no good.

**JOEY**

They're no good.

**PABLO**

They're no good.

**TJ**

*(Sings)*

Baby, they're no goo-ood.

*(He laughs)*

Actually, I thought it had a great beat and you can dance to it.

**DELORIS**

You see? TJ likes it.

**CURTIS**

TJ's my nephew.

**TJ**

They say whatever I have skips a generation.

*(TJ laughs. Pablo joins him laughing. Then Joey. Then Ernie. Curtis looks at them and they instantly silence.)*

**CURTIS**

Look Deloris, we are not goofin' around here like when I found you at McDonald's.

**DELORIS**

But everybody is getting discovered –

**CURTIS**

Patience.

**DELORIS**

– and I'm getting nowhere fast. Maybe I should try someplace else.

**CURTIS**

*(Laughs)*

Someplace else? What are you talkin' about? Where you gonna go without me, Baby? I will open those doors when you are ready. I will make it happen.

**DELORIS**

You will?

**CURTIS**

What do you think?

**DELORIS**

You're right, Curtis...I'm sorry.

**CURTIS**

And?

**DELORIS**

And thank you.

*(Curtis extends his arms and Deloris walks in to them)*

**CURTIS**

I'm sorry I can't be with you tomorrow, baby.

**DELORIS**

But Curtis, it's Christmas Day.

**CURTIS**

I know.

**DELORIS**

Damn, I was looking forward to it.

**CURTIS**

Deloris baby, I got you a little present. When you open it, you'll know how much you really mean to me. Merry Christmas.