

Monologue from Steel Magnolias

M'Lynn: No.. I couldn't leave my Shelby. I just sat there and kept pushin' the way I always have where Shelby was concerned.... I was hopin' she'd sit up and argue with me. Finally we realized there was no hope. They turned off the machines. **(Pause)** Drum left.. couldn't take it. Jackson left. **(Slight "laugh")** I find it amusin'.. men are supposed to be made outta steel or somethin. I just sat there. I just held Shelby's hand.
Oh God.. I realize as a woman how lucky I am! I was there when that beautiful creature drifted into my life.. and I was there when she drifted out of it. It was the most precious moment of my life... **[Sighs]**
I gotta get back. Has anyone got a mirror?

Truvey (Dolly Parton): Does anyone have a mirror? I dunno how ya doin on the inside honey...but your HAIR sure is holdin up beautiful.

M'Lynn: [Looking in mirror, upset] Shelby was right! This IS a brown foot ball helmet!!!! **[Begins to cry]**

Clarie (Olympia Dukakis): Ohh.. honey are you ok?

M'Lynn: I'm fine.. I'm fine.. I'm fine.. I'm FINE! **[sobbing/screaming]** I could jog all the way to Texas and back.. but my daughter can't!! She never could!! Oh.. God.....I'm so mad I don't know what to do!! I wanna know why! I wanna know WHY Shelby's life is over!! I wanna HOW that baby will EVER know how wonderful his mother was.. Will he EVER know what she went THROUGH for him? Oh God I wanna know WHY? WHY? Lord...I wish I could understand! No...NO...NO!! It's not supposed to happen this way! I'm supposed to go first!! I've always been ready to go first! I don't think I can take this.. I.. I don't think I can take this! I just wanna hit somethin'! I just wanna hit somebody.. till they feel as bad as I do!! I just wanna hit something! I wanna hit it HARD!