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Diary Entry From Beloved Answer Key

Beloved - Sample Diary Entry (Moment: Arriving at 124):

The house smelled of her. I knew it was where I belonged, though she did not recognize me at first. My body was heavy, my throat dry, but my hunger was deeper than food; it was for her. Denver's eyes watched me, curious, as if she already knew I was more than a stranger.

I have returned to claim what was taken. She will not turn from me again, not now that I am here in flesh. I feel the anger and the longing mixed together inside me, demanding she remember. I will stay until I have everything she owes me, until she is mine alone.

Denver - Sample Diary Entry (Moment: Leaving the House):

I thought my feet would freeze before they touched the grass outside. For so long I let the shadows of 124 keep me prisoner, afraid of what waited beyond. But watching Beloved pull Mama down into her sorrow, I knew I had to step forward, even if I trembled.

The people looked at me with surprise, but I carried their eyes like a lantern. Asking for help is not weakness; it is the only way to bring life back into our home. Today I found my courage, and perhaps tomorrow, a future beyond fear.