

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

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1. **raucous** (adj): rough-sounding and harsh
2. **pensively** (adv): deeply, often wistfully or dreamily thought
3. **sharecropping** (v): working land or growing crops as a sharecropper (a tenant farmer who gives a share of the crops raised to the landlord in lieu of rent).
4. **emaciated** (adj): extremely thin, especially as a result of starvation
5. **undaunted** (adj): not discouraged or disheartened; resolutely courageous
6. **morosely** (adv): gloomy, sullenly, melancholy
7. **disdainfully** (adv): expressively disdainful; scornfully and contemptuously
8. **dismally** (adv): dreadfully; disastrously
9. **knell** (noun): sound of a bell
10. **transposed** (verb): put into a different order or place
11. **milling** (verb): moving around in confusion
12. **dubious** (adj): doubtful
13. **penchant** (noun): a definite liking; a strong inclination
14. **temerity** (noun): recklessness; a ridiculous disregard for danger
15. **chignon** (noun): a roll or knot of hair worn at the back of the head or especially at the nape of the neck
16. **maverick** (noun): one that refuses to abide by the dictates of or resists adherence to a group; a dissenter
17. **imperiously** (adv): arrogantly domineering or overbearing
18. **chiffonier** (noun): a narrow high chest of drawers or bureau, often with a mirror attached
19. **formidable** (adj): inspiring awe, admiration or wonder
20. **ornate** (adj): elaborately, heavily, and excessively ornamented