

He was called Sunny Jim - why Sunny nobody ever knew unless it was from sheer irony - ~~From the time he was five years old~~ - Sunny He was all darkness - Black as coal ~~and~~ and he wore a perpetual scowl that looked mean - Not that he was mean - Sunny Jim was the bastard son of a drunken washerman; ~~and~~ he never knew his father - He looked mean but he wasn't - He was too dumb to His mother often called him a sinful nigger but he was too dumb to be sinful, bad, or mean - He didn't know what sinful meant but he felt bad anyway - ~~He~~ He grew to prodigious size but his <sup>muscles</sup> ~~muscles~~ <sup>main</sup> ~~main~~ couldn't keep up with his physical self and deserted him when he was 12 - ~~How~~ ~~150~~ ~~pounds~~ ~~could~~ ~~he~~ could plaster 100 lbs on his 6'2" frame on the diet he had in a mystery - ~~He was a~~

He wouldn't harm a soul - ~~One time~~ Once he heard a white man ~~pass~~ ~~just~~ ~~after~~ ~~he~~ ~~had~~ ~~passed~~ Sunny Jim: God! that nigger stinks! That hurt his feelings but he only looked meaner instead of pathetic - So he sought anonymity by sulking his own kind but she stood out because he was the only scowler in a group that had learned to laugh at its own misfortunes - ~~Only~~ ~~the~~ ~~laughter~~ ~~is~~ ~~what~~ has made the race survive - the ability to laugh at anything - ~~He~~ ~~was~~ ~~showered~~ ~~by~~ ~~them~~ ~~for~~ ~~his~~ ~~redundancy~~ he took to hanging around the pool room - The big black bucks ~~of~~ were good to him giving him nickle & dimes for

going their duty facts - But he didn't mean anything; he just  
didn't know any better - Words up in P. Quentin.