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When we look at Sonny, he has particularly has gone through a lot of suffering stating getting caught for smoking heroin and getting thrown in jail to seeing his father torment by the memories of his brother because his brother was one day walking at night with him and as he was crossing the road a group of white people in the car drunk run him over and left. That left his dad great physical and mental anguish and hate for white people. This hatred also is found in Sonny's mom she also suffers from the harshness of life in Harlem and she know that Sonny feels this suffering strongly than anyone else. In " Sonny Blues" a man finally understands the suffering that his brother is going through and finally appreciates the music that his brother method to come those blues.