A Raisin in the Sun – Mama (Lena) Younger

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| Quotation | Key words, literary or linguistic techniques | Analysis of techniques | Link to context |
| *A woman who has adjusted to many things in life and overcome many more, her face is full of strength.* (p23) |  |  |  |
| **RUTH** No – he don’t half try at all ‘cause he knows you going to come along behind him and fix everything … you done spoiled that boy so.  **MAMA** Well – he’s a little boy. Ain’t supposed to know ‘bout housekeeping. (p24) |  |  |  |
| **MAMA** We ain’t no business people, Ruth. We just plain working folks. (p25) |  |  |  |
| **MAMA** But Lord, child, you should know all the dreams I had ‘bout buying that house and fixing it up and making me a little garden in the back – (*She waits and stops smiling.)* And didn’t none of it happen. *(She drops her hands in a futile gesture.)* (p28) |  |  |  |
| **MAMA** Now – you say after me, in my mother’s house there is still God. *(There is a long pause and Beneatha stares at the floor wordlessly. Mama repeats the phrase with precision and cool emotion.)* In my mother’s house there is still God. (p34) |  |  |  |
| **MAMA** Well, I always wanted me a garden like I used to see sometimes at the back of the houses down home. This plant is close as I ever got to having one. (p35) |  |  |  |