Ella Fitzgerald

Hi! My name is Ella. I was born on April 25, 1917. My dad’s name was William and my mama’s name was Temperance. They called her "Tempie”. My childhood started off pretty badly. My mom and dad didn’t get along so they separated shortly after my birth. Now I am six years old and have a new baby sister named Frances. I’m not too happy about that. We don’t have much money so I have to work as a messenger for my family “running numbers.” All I want to do is to perform…to sing and dance.

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