

Unfurrowed field

Some of the farmers joined their farms together to use machinery but the land wouldn't allow the growth of anything due to the destruction of the trees.

Pooty is destroyed by the war, but unlike Chae, Rob and Ewan, he is destroyed in the mind and not physically. He begins torturing his donkey with a red hot poker because he thinks it is a German spy. He has gone insane and is taken away to the madhouse, never to be seen of again.

Long Rob died as a hero, and is awarded with a medal for his services in the war as he saved many lives.

Will was accused of being with the Germans.

Scottish people moved on from the classic Scottish songs and to new American songs that they don't understand the meaning of.

The new reverend Colquhoun understands the significance of the standing stones and uses the money he was given for a war memorial to turn the stones into the actual war memorial for the men from Blaewarie who died in the line of service.

The land is cold and wet.

All the men who died are featured on the memorial - Chae, Rob, Ewan, James etc.

The phrase sunset song is the optimism of a new day coming.

"these were the last of the peasants, the last of old scots folk" - The people have changed as has the purpose of the land.

The men didn't care about money.

Chris is almost literally saying goodbye to the crofting way of life, not just Ewan.