THE DESIGNING AND BUILDING OF TWO LINNEBACH PROJECTORS FOR A READERS' THEATRE PRODUCTION OF A WEST WIND RISES

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this thesis is to demonstrate the writer's knowledge of theatre practice, and his ability to use it in mounting a theatrical production. His emphasis in graduate study has been on the technical aspects of theatre. Because of this, he chose for his thesis production the narrative poem, A West Wind Rises, to be presented in a Readers' Theatre style. This style, because of its simplicity of stage direction, lent itself more to technical emphasis than most plays. The production provided an opportunity to demonstrate the results of the design and building of two Linnebach projectors and nine slides. The succeeding parts of this thesis are a description of the work done on the projectors and slides, and a description of the other aspects of the production as outlined in the table of contents.

THE DESIGN AND BUILDING OF TWO LINNEBACH PROJECTORS AND SLIDES

Description of the Project

The idea to design and build a Linnebach projector came through an evolutionary process. The major professor first suggested that research be done on finding new source lamps for Linnebach projectors. While work was being done on this problem, it was decided that it would be to advantage to use any new-found lamps in a practical situation, so a production thesis was planned. The production was to provide an opportunity to show the results of the lamp research. After further consideration, and due to the fact that the school had no Linnebach projector in which any new source lamps could be used, the thesis was

expanded to include the design and building of two Linnebach projectors for the production. These then could be used by the school in the future. To complete the process, of course, it was necessary that slides be made for the projectors and painted for the production.

The solution of the simple direct-ray projection process, in this case, started out with the search for a better light source, then encompassed the design of a projector around that source, and finally, the making of slides for a production. The following description of the work done on the project is organized in this order.

Lamp Sources

This project started as a search for possible new or better light sources for Linnebach projectors. The first step taken in the investigation was to establish criteria by which the various lamps could be evaluated. The list of criteria compiled and used by this investigator is as follows:

- The source must be able to be dimmed. (This rules out all arc sources, open or enclosed.)
- 2. The smaller the filament area, the better the picture definition will be (see Plate I for filament diagrams and comparisons).
- 3. The lamps considered must be 1000 watts. (It was decided that this wattage would probably encompass most of the demands of educational theatre stages, and would be a good limiting factor in the investigation.)
- 4. The more desirable lamps have the highest direct ratio between wattage used and lumen output.
- 5. The higher the color temperature, the better the color reproduction will bo.
- The most economical relationship between hours of lamp-life and lumen output is desirable.
- 7. Burning position and size of lamp may be important factors if they are greatly different from the T-bulbs normally used.

8. The lamp must have a base that has a positive-positioning structure (see Plate I).

With these eriteria formulated, the investigator proceeded to determine what lamps had been used in this type of projector before. To limit the scope of the investigation, the assumption was made that the newer lamps would better meet the established criteria. Therefore, 1950 was selected as a starting date for listing lamps that had been previously used. Those lamps that were reported to have been used after this date are listed below:

- 1. 6 volt-18 ampere lamp with a small filament1
- 2. G- or T-bulbs, 250-2000 watt incandescent, C-13 or C-13D filament2
- 3. 12 volt_420 watt. C-2V filament3
- 4. 2100 watt-60 volt4
- 5. 420G25P (12 volt-100 hour life)5
- 6. 1000 watt, T20, C-13D6
- 7. 2000 watt, G-48, C-13D7

¹ W. Cron Parker and Harvey K. Smith, Scone Design and Stage Lighting (New York, 1963), p. 299.

² Sidney Zanville Litwack, A Study of Projected Seenery - History, Technology, Design, p. 25. Unpublished M. A. Thesis, University of North Carolina, 1954.

Robert Bruce Payne, <u>Projected Scenery</u>: Its <u>Design</u>, <u>Preparation</u>, and <u>Techniques</u>, p. 80. Unpublished M. A. Thesis, San Jose State College, 1958.

⁴ Payne, p. 82.

⁵ Payne, p. 84.

⁶ Kliegl Brothers, Stage Lighting Fourment, Catalog 027-5, 1959, p. 64.

Century Lighting, Inc., Century Theatre Lighting, Bulletin 1170, 1960, p. 58.

The surprisingly low number of entries on this list is due to the fact that almost every reference that mentioned Linnebachs said only that the projectors used a concentrated light source, and gave no specifications.

After gathering this information, the next step was to find specifications about any different or new sources that might be better than the old oncs. Letters were written to major lamp companies that were listed in the <u>Thomas Register of American Manufacturers</u>. The names and addresses of these companies are given below:

General Electric Company Lamp Department Nela Park Cleveland, 12 Ohio

Westinghouse Electrical Corporation Lamp Division Bloomfield, New Jersey

Sylvania Lighting Products 60 Boston Street Salem, Massachusetts

Radiant Lamp Corporation Bank Street Hightstown, New Jersey

Western Union Telegraph Company Development and Research Department Electronics Research Division Water Mill, L. I., New York

Information was requested from these sources about lamps they manufactured that might meet the established criteria. All of the companies replied with at least a copy of their lamp catalogs. Entries were made on a comparison chart of each lamp that a company specifically recommended,

¹ Thomas Register of American Manufacturers (New York, 1964), LIV, p. 2764.

or that appeared to the writer to be a good possibility. General Electric, Sylvania, Westinghouse, and Radiant have entries on the chart. One other source of information about lamps was the <u>Illuminating Engineering Society Handbook</u>. The listed all lamps of all manufacturers with complete specifications. Some lamps from this source were also included on the comparison chart. This chart is reproduced on Plate II. Upon examination of this chart, one lamp stood out as superior in several catagories. That lamp was the 1000 watt quartz-iodine of Sylvania. The published data concerning this lamp is seen on Plate II.

In the midst of this research, (December, 1964), the writer attended the Speech Association of America Annual Convention in Chicago. At this convention Kliegl Brothers introduced and displayed for the first time a new, complete line of lighting instruments—the "Quartz-Line". The writer talked with Mr. Ned Bowman, one of Kliegl's consultants, and he explained the new instruments and lamps. Mr. Bowman and all the Kliegl personnel were very enthusiastic about the new lamp. The company had just spent several hundred thousand dollars producing this line of instruments that used the quartz-halogen lamp. These representatives said that they, and the company, felt this would be the lamp for theatre lighting in the near future. Certain qualities or attributes that they felt made it superior are listed here, because they are not apparent on the chart of comparison.

- The ability of the lamp to burn in any position greatly reduces many problems of focusing and bulb stocking.
- The iedine cycle in the lamp keeps the bulb free of blackening throughout its life.

¹ Illuminating Engineering Society Handbook, 3rd ed. (New York, 1959), p. 8-77.

- 3. The coiled-coil filament is of a different shape than the bi-plane coiled filament, and has a more even area of emission than the old type. It is also more efficient than the old filament—more lumens per square centimeter.
- 4. The lamp has a different type of base, which, while it may not be superior to the prefocus base, is at least as positive and simpler to operate. The new base is a rectangular recessed single contact.
- 5. The dimming curve is identical with conventional tungsten lamps.
- The lamp is mechanically stronger and more resistant to damage in handling.
- The lamp has a lamp-life five to ten times longer than that of conventional tungsten filament lamps.

On the basis of this information and that presented on the comparison chart, the Sylvania 1000 watt quartz-iodine (1000T6Q/RCL) lamp was chosen for the projectors. The two basic reasons for this decision were: first, this lamp had, as far as it can be determined, never been used in this application, therefore this was an opportunity to use the new product and report the findings as an experiment; second, after studying the chart of comparison and considering the previously mentioned advantages, this lamp indeed seemed to be the best lamp available. The advantages of the bulb that were adduced by this writer from the chart are listed below:

- 1. The burning position (any) is versatile.
- The relative hours of life (2000) compare very favorably with a maximum of 200 for any other lamps.
- 3. The color temperature curve is very straight.
- 4. The cost comparison with other bulbs is good, when compared to hours of life.
- 5. The construction of the filament and its smaller area are superior when compared to even the C-13D filament. It right be noted here

that the shapes of the two filaments differ greatly (see Plate I). The quartz filament (CC-8) is 1.125 inches long by .235 inches wide in the 1000 watt size (.264 square inches). The C-13D filament for a 1000 watt lamp is approximately .5 inches by .6 inches (.3 square inches). This is approximately 10% more than in the quartz filament. The retangular shape of the CC-3 filament, however, is the main consideration in the projection situation. The question to be answered is whether the projected image will be blurred on the horizontal lines and distinct on the vertical, or vice-versa, because of the filament shape. The writer felt that this shape could be used to great advantage in many circumstances, if proper adjustment of the lamp was made possible.

The decision having been made, an order for two quartz-iodine lamps and holders was placed with Sylvania. When the company found that the lamps were being used for experimental work, the Consumer Research Department supplied, without charge, two lamps and two sets of holders for this project. The writer would like to take this opportunity to thank Sylvania Lamp Division for their help and ecoperation.

The Projector Housing

Having decided upon a lamp to use, the next step in the project was to design a projector to house the lamp and to hold slides in proper relation to it. Research was conducted to determine what shape such housings had taken in the past, and what formulas might be applicable to their construction.

Letters were sent to major stage lighting companies. These letters yielded only information on two projectors, those from Century Lighting Company and Kliegl Brothers. Plate VI centains reproductions of the material received from these two companies. The similarity of these two projectors should be noted.

Next the literature on Linnebach projectors was reviewed. It was found that all sources stated or intimated that projectors are, or should

be, tailored to fit the particular situation in which they are to be used. That is, they should employ the same shape slides as the shape of the surface on which they are to project. The shape of the slide determines the shape of the projector itself. Examples of some shapes of projectors that have been used are seen in Plate VI. The reason that tailored designing of projectors is the best method, and how it aids in the elimination of distortion is explained by Sydney Litwack:

There is no limitation to the shape or form the instrument takes, although its most common form is a funnel-like arrangement which lines up the center of the light source and that of the slide. Other shapes are used for specific purposes, such as lighting cycloramas, or specific locations for projection due to desirable angle or limited throw to the backdrop or screen.

There are a number of techniques for correcting distortion in the projected image. One approach is to distort the slide itself to correspond with the shape of the receiving surface. This can work very well when the axis of projection is still perpendicular to the surface. • •2

Edward Kyvig also recommends tailored designing of projectors in his thesis. "A Technique for the Elimination of Distortion from Projected Images in Stage Lighting."

Because the projectors were to be constructed as a part of this project, and because it was suggested by most writers that tailor-made projectors are the most satisfactory, these were tailor-made.

There were several formulas found that are designed to determine the size of slides, the placement of the projectors, or the size of the

¹ Litwack, p. 20.

² Litwack, p. 50.

³ Edward Kyvig, <u>A Technique for the Elimination of Distortion from Projected Images in Stage Lighting</u>, p. 18. Unpublished M. A. Thesis, University of Iowa, 1937.

image. The simplest and easiest of the formulas found is from Herbert Philippi: 1

S (any one slide dimension) = s (slide distance from lamp)
I (corresponding image dim.) i (image distance from slide)

In using this formula, the dimensions must be in the same units of length (feet, inches, etc.).

Having this formula, the writer proceeded to determine the shape of the projectors. There were several preliminary factors that had to be taken into account. These factors are listed below:

- 1. When designing the size and shape of the projector, the weight of the material of which it is to be made, and its malleability must be considered. If the weight of the material makes the projector too heavy to be convenient, it is necessary to either diminish the shape of the projector or change the material. If it is impossible to fabricate the shape of the projector from the material chosen, the shape or the material again must be changed.
- The design of the lamp section of the projector must take into account the size and manuverability of the lamp, and ventilation factors.
- 3. The slides also have some bearing on the design of the projector, in that their weight and size, as far as handling is cencerned, must be considered. The availability of the sizes of the material to be used for the slides must be taken into account. The size of the slides also has a direct bearing on the over-all size of the projector and the problems of masking connected with it. Another factor that must be considered concerning the slides is their over-all size, because it will govern the ratio of the size of the scene on the slide with that which is projected onto the screen. A larger slide allows easier painting of the scene, and greater definition.
- 4. The last factor that affects the size and shape of the projector has to do with the screen. The questions to be answered are: what is the size of the desired image; what is the level of illumination desired on the screen; and what will be practical proportions for the projection image in other applications?

¹ Herbert Philippi, Stagecraft and Scene Design (Boston, 1953), p. 326.

Keeping all these factors in mind, the following preliminary decisions were made:

- 1. Sheet metal (.045" aircraft template stock) was chosen for the housing material. It was chosen because of its heat-transfer qualities, its workability with standard tools, and its ruggedness to withstand continued use. The gauge was chosen after trial-and-error experimentation by the writer, to determine weight factors and workability versus strength.
- 2. Plexiglas was chosen for the slides for reasons that are discussed fully in the section on slides (see page 12). The approximate size of the slides was governed by comparison with the slides used by the Century (18" X 20") and the Kliegl $(2^{l} + \frac{1}{2})^{l} \times 2^{l} + \frac{1}{4}$ or $2^{l} + \frac{1}{2} \times 2^{l} + \frac{1}{4} \times 2^{l} + \frac{1}$

The next step in the design of the projector housing was to determine the size of the image desired, and the length of throw that was possible for this production. The size of the image was calculated to be 15' X 28' and the length of the throw to be 10', by reference to the ground plan and the side view of the stage (Plate XV). After this was done, simplified top and side layouts of the stage were made with the probable placement of the lamp and the screen indicated. From these layouts, the projector was designed within the limitations stated earlier in this discussion. The drawings for this step in the process are also on Plate XV.

The illumination level was determined to be satisfactory for a projector distance of 101, by a trial set-up of similar circumstances as those to be used during the production.

As was stated before, the approximate size and proportions of the slides were partially governed by those of the manufactured projectors. The proportions that were necessary for this production were 15:28. At a 10:1 ratio of screen to slide and slide to lamp, the size of the slides would be 15" X 28". This compared favorably with the slides mentioned

above. The nearest size in which the chosen material for the slides was available was 18" X 36". It was decided that in order not to waste the excess material, and because it is easier to mask unused portions of slides than to add necessary size later, the entire 18" X 36" size would be used.

Having determined a basic shape for the front of the housing, concentration was placed on the lamp section. It was decided that for complete flexibility of lamp usage, provision for three holders should be made in the projectors. The drawing showing the detail of their placement is seen on Plate VI. These three holders provide for wattages from 500 to 2000 with the same light conter. The design of this part of the projector, therefore, was determined by the placement of these lamps and holders. Ventilation was provided for, by drilling a series of holes in the top and bottom of this section and supplying baffels. Details of this can also be seen on Plate VI.

One final part of the projector that needs to be explained here is the holder that was manufactured for the quartz lamp. It has been suggested by Litwack¹ and Kyvig² that the movement of the lamp within the projector may be of benefit in focusing the projector for the elimination of distortion. Because of this, a universal-joint type of holder was designed and built to allow fine adjustment of the quartz lamp. Because the lamp may be burned in any position, this device is pivoted on the rear of the projector at a point horizontal to the light center. This

¹ Litwack, p. 22.

² Kyvig, p. 21.

allows the clongated filament to be placed parallel to the slide, either horizontal or vertical, in order to permit variation in definition. The device also allows vertical and horizontal adjustment of the lamp of approximately five inches total, in each direction. The pictures on Plate VII show this holder in various positions. An exploded view of this device is also shown on the same plate.

Various views of the finished projector are shown on Plate VII and working drawings with dimensions are on Plate VI. Lists of materials and tools used in the construction of the projectors are also on Plate VIII.

The Slides

The first and most important consideration in regard to the slides is the material on which the scenes are to be painted. In the course of my research the materials most often suggested for use as slides were glass and clear acetate. Mr. Litwack says these materials are

" . . . those that have been used by practicing technicians, and have been found to be within the limits of economy, practicality, and flexibility."

Because of this, and because the design of the projectors for this project required a relatively rigid slide material, comparisons of the advantages and disadvantages of these two materials were made.

The factors of light transmittance, refraction, dispersion, and haze are important in the effectiveness of slide materials. However, after reference to a chart stating the optical properties of acctate (see Plate IX), and a practical in-hand comparison of it with glass, it

¹ Litwack, p. 48.

was concluded by this writer that, for stage purposes there are no significant differences in the optical properties of the two materials.

Cther properties that are of concern in slide selection are mechanical and thermal. Again, reference was made to the chart on Plate IX and simple practical experiments were conducted. On the basis of this information it was concluded that acctate would be more practical mechanically because of its extremely high flexural and impact strength (resistance to breakage). It was also concluded that acctate would withstand the temperature to which it would be subjected in these projectors. That temperature was found to be about 100° F, by placing a piece of acetate in the projector and then measuring its temperature. As stated in the chart mentioned above, the acetate's heat distortion temperature is 190° F at 66 p.s.i., therefore the projector application was well within the safe range.

In the above considerations, the only appreciable difference found between glass and acetate was the high impact strongth of acotate. Three more factors that recommend the use of acetate are its weight, price, and workability. The weight of acetate is approximately 45% that of plate glass of the same thickness. It may be noted here, too, that generally a glass slide twice the thickness of acetate must be used to obtain approximately the same degree of rigidness. For instance, 1/8" acetate was used for the slides for this project, and the minimum thickness of manufactured glass slides is 1/4". This would mean that glass slides of similar flexural strength would weigh four times more than those of acetate. The price of acetate, too, is much lower than that of glass. For this project, the slide material was purchased from Polycast

Corporation, Stamford, Connecticut. There were four sheets 36" X 60" (untrimmed = + 2%) at a cost of \$10.20 each. When the twelve slides were cut from these sheets the cost of each slide was \$3.40. Glass slides of similar size were estimated to this writer at costs ranging between \$16.60 to \$19.80, five to six times more than those of acetate. The workability of acetate, as judged by this writer, has to do with the fact that it can be cut with saws that could be found in any scene shop. It can also be cut into any shape or size with these hand or power saws. Acetate has one disadvantage that glass does not have, however. The fact that acetate can be scratched much more easily than glass is not desirable, but it is partially counteracted by the fact that only large scratches (over 1" long and 1/32" wide) are noticeable on the projection screen. Even these larger scratches can be eliminated by hand-polishing and waxing. Therefore, this disadvantage can be easily overcome, and does not outweigh the advantages previously mentioned.

The four factors that were taken into consideration in the framing of the slides were: adding rigidity to the material, case of construction, ease of handling, and protection of the slide surfaces. It seemed that all of these requirements were not by the use of wooden frames made of $3/4^{\circ}$ X 2 $5/8^{\circ}$ white pine. These gave rigidity to the slide without adding too much weight. They were easy to construct because of the availability of the material and the ease with which it may be manipulated. The width and thickness add sufficient bulk for easy handling, and offer some protection from dropping and rough treatment. The 1° thickness offers approximately $5/16^{\circ}$ clearance on both sides of the slide, between the outside of the frame and the slide surface. This allows easy stacking

and storage without damage to the slide surface. The detail of the framing can be seen on Plate X.

The final aspect of the slides to be discussed, their painting, includes four parts: inks used, layout, techniques of painting, and pictures of the finished slides. References to seventeen different coloring or opaquing materials or techniques were found that had been used for slides. The criteria that must be applied to any color medium are that: it must be resistant to heat, must be transparent, must not fade, must adhere to the surface, and must be easily applicable. Because of insufficient facilities, funds, or time necessary to experiment with all the possible materials suggested, the writer decided to search locally for a color medium that would meet the established criteria. If some readily available materials were at hand that could possibly be used, it was decided that the convenience of being able to experiment with them and obtain them in desired quantities and colors was sufficient reason to use them. It was hoped that a product different from those mentioned as having been used previously, could be found and reported on. Several kinds of colored inks were tried. The one ink that worked best on these particular slides and for this particular application was felttip pen ink. This is an Artone base ink manufactured by Esterbrook Pen Company, Camden, New Jersey. This ink was not mentioned by other sources as having been used before. It has good flowing qualities and can be brushed on very satisfactorily. It may be thinned down with acetone, a readily available solvent. This solvent will also clean the brushes and slides after use, and erase mistakes made in painting. The ink dries very quickly when applied in thin coats and is available in eleven

colors at most office supply stores.

The next step in the slide construction was the making of a grid for establishing vertical and horizontal lines on the slide, that would be vertical and horizontal when projected on the screen. This was done by a simple trial-and-error process of marking two foot intervals on the edges of the screen, placing the projector in its proper position, inserting a slide in the projector, and then drawing on the slide, in grease pencil, lines that matched those imaginary horizontal and vertical lines on the screen. This grid was used only as a guide to proportions, since no distinct vertical or horizontal lines were used in the scenes for the production.

Water color drawings of each of the slide scenes were painted prior to laying out the slides. With these as guides, the grid was placed under each slide, and painting was begun. A small piece of acetate was used for color sampling. A base coat of the background color was then brushed on the entire slide. Spaces that required white or lighter color penetration were wiped clean with cotton swabs and acetone. Lighter colors were then applied to these spaces or detail added such as in Fig. 2, Plate XI.

Darker areas of color were added on top of the base coat. Throughout this entire process the projector and screen were set up, and the slides were constantly put in the projector to check color and composition.

The results of this work are seen in the pictures on Plate XI. Unfortunately, the color pictures of the production did not result in clear prints, but some results can be seen on Plate XXIII.

Conclusions

The conclusions that may be made from the work on this project with the Sylvania iodine quartz lamp are listed below:

- 1. The Sylvania iodine quartz lamp has several physical advantages over other tungsten filament lamps commonly used for Linnebach projectors:
 - a. The iodine cycle keeps the bulb free from blackening during its entire life.
 - b. The built-in fusing offers added protection in electrical circuits.
 - c. The over-all filament area of the lamp is approximately 18% smaller than the C-13D filament most often used in Linnebach projection.
 - d. The ability of the lamp to burn in any position offers greater flexibility in usage and application.
 - e. The color temperature curve has a less rapid decrease, as the voltage decreases, than a standard tungsten filament lamp.
 - f. The hours of life rating is throw to ten times that of standard tungsten filament lamps of similar lumen output.
 - g. The size of the quartz lamp (T6) allows easier handling and storage.
 - h. The quartz envelope is more rugged and durable than those of standard lamps.
- The shape of the Sylvania iodine quartz filament is rectangular, as opposed to the virtually square shape of a C-13D filament.

This rectangular shape can be used to advantage to vary the definition along either axis of the projection. Definition is approximately four times greater on the axis parallel to the filament, than on the one vertical to it. If this factor is kept in mind when designing slides for projection, it can be used to advantage in obtaining the desired effect.

The conclusions concerning the housing are stated in the form of suggestions to persons planning to build projectors.

- 1. Tailor-made projectors are probably the most satisfactory and least expensive projectors to have. They will perform more effectively if they are built around the specific projection situation in which they are to be used. If caution is exercised, they can be made very inexpensively. Two projectors for this project cost only \$87.09 (less lamps), as opposed to \$150.00 for the least expensive commercial projector found.
- 2. A multiple lamp capability in a projector makes it more flexible.
 Care taken in designing the housing can provide for lamp holders that will give a range of 2000 watts, and allow for three sizes and types of filaments, as was done in this project.
- 3. This writer feels that the greater the manuverability of the lamp within the housing, the more flexible the instrument will be. Although maximum manuverability of the lamp was not designed for the projectors in this project, what novement was obtained proved to be of great value in focusing and placement of the instruments.

The conclusions that were drawn about the slides are as follows:

- Clear acetate sheets were used for the slides in this project for several reasons:
 - a. Acetate is about six times less expensive than glass of the same size and strength.
 - b. Acetate is lighter in weight and much less likely to fracture than glass.
 - e. Aectate is more easily workable, yet has similar mechanical and optical properties to those of glass.

It must be understood that these conclusions were made by this writer after investigations that might be made by any theatre technician toward the solution of a practical problem. In general, no research or testing facilities were used that would not be available to most theatre persons wishing to duplicate the instruments or test the materials that have been described in this project.

THE PRODUCTION

The Director's Approach to the Production

The purposes of the production part of this thesis were thought by the writer to be three: the first purpose was to provide a laboratory for use of the new quartz lamp in a Linnebach projector; the second purpose was to demonstrate the writer's ability to apply his knowledge of theatre to the production situation; third, because this production was sponsored by the K-State Players and the Department of Spoech, it was necessary that it provide an educational experience for the students that worked on it, and a cultural experience for the audience. With these goals in mind the writer proceeded to plan the production.

The first step was the selection of a script and a style of production. For reasons to be discussed below. A West Wind Rises, a long narrative poem. was chosen rather than a play. It was felt by the writer that since this thesis was comprised of two parts, it was best not to attempt a conventional stage production in conjunction with the Linnebach project. A production that would involve simplicity of setting elements and would not give rise to complicated directing or acting problems, would allow the time needed for both parts of the thesis. At the same time, it would not detract from the over-all effect desired. The writer felt that a Readers' Theatre style of production could be tailored to fit the circumstances mentioned above. The Readers' Theatre style is similar to those which are known as readings, oral readings, or poetry readings. This writer's concept of Readers' Theatre is that it is the oral interpretation of a piece of literature written in a non-dramatic style, and presented in a formalistic setting. The writer felt that this would be a inexpensive, yet effective form of presentation for literature with dramatic qualities. This form therefore, seemed to be well suited to fulfilling the purposes and conditions stated above, and could be accomplished within the budget allowed for thesis productions.

The choice of A West Wind Rises as the poem to be presented was made in light of several factors. First, Bruce Cutler, the author, had been a member of the faculty at Kansas Stato University from 1955 to 1957, and interest in his work had been shown by the English and Speech Departments. Several people knew of his poem and expressed interest in seeing a presentation of it on the Kansas State University campus. During the spring of 1964, two faculty members, another student, and

this writer presented cuttings from this poem in a reading style. This experience acquainted the writer with the quality and appeal of the poem. He thus became gradually convinced that a Readers' Theatre production of A West Wind Rises would best fulfill his needs in a thesis production. It would offer a laboratory situation for the projectors, demonstrate the writer's ability in theatrical production, be an educational and cultural experience, be sufficiently uncomplicated, and be within budgetary limitations.

A brief look at the thematic material of the poem is in order before discussing directing concepts and procedures that were involved in its interpretation and presentation.

Bruce Cutler's narrative poem, A <u>West Wind Rises</u>, is a dramatic reconstruction of what happened in a hardet called Trading Post in Kansas Territory on May 19, 1858. On that day a party of slaveowners and their sympathizers rode in without warning, scized eleven Free State settlers, took them to an isolated spot on the banks of the Marais des Cygnes River, and shot them down. The "Marais des Cygnes Massacre," as it quickly became known, added fuel to the flaming controversy over slavery which culminated in the Civil War.

The story is told in nine parts, each projecting a different point of view. As the narrative unfolds we not only see the immediate drama of the raid but learn much about the past struggles, the hopes and dreams of the "people who lived and died . . . for the land that one day would be ours."

A West Wind Rises partakes of the opic tradition of Benet's John Brown's Body and Neihardt's Cycle of the West, and deserves a place on the same shelf with them for the quality of its craftsmanship no less than for the stirring story it has to tell.

The author's comments offer additional onlightenment about the structure and tone of the poem:

. . . I carried the narrative beyond the hard skeleton of fact into the vulnerable tissue of probability; if it is blemished,

A West Wind Rises (Nebraska, 1962), Cover Description.

lay it to me, the translator, and not to the people who lived and died--not for the dust of the museum, but for the land that one day would be ours.

A discorning analysis of the poem was given by Dr. Earl Davis, Head of the English Department at Kansas State University, in his review of the production for the <u>Manhattan Mercury</u>. A copy of this review can be seen on Plate XXI.

Directing Concepts and Procedures

The directing process was a unifying of the poem, the style of production, and the readers, into a presentational whole. Involved in this process was the oral interpretation of the poem. Oral interpretation of literature is a type of communication. The details of its presentation may be individual and varied. After several readings of the poem and due consideration of the type of literature involved and the production style, it was decided to present this poem in the following manner. The readers would memorize their material. They would stand at music stands with scripts in front of them, but would not read from the scripts. They would use the techniques of oral interpretation, but without overt gesturing.

With these conditions in mind the next major step was the division of the poem into parts for the readers. Being a poem rather than a play, there were no characters for which people could be cast. It was the task of the director to read through the poem and decide how many readers were needed, and to assign each part or parts of the poem to

¹ Bruce Cutler, A West Wind Rises (Nebraska, 1962), p. x.

specific readers. It was decided that four men and two women would be an adequate number to use. Because of the length of the poem, it was thought that memorization of approximately one-sixth of it would be enough to expect of the readers. The factor of audience interest also came into consideration here. Because this was not a play with action, sets, props, and costumes, there was a cultivation of every possibility to simulate action and hold attention. Using four men readers instead of onc, it was thought, would create a sense of movement and change which might help in establishing and sustaining interest. Each section of the poem was also subdivided, with all four men reading some part of each of seven sections. Each of the two women read alternate parts of two sections. The complete break-down and division of the poem for the readers can be seen in the prompt script (Appendix B). The parts for each reader were determined on the basis of three factors. The first and most important factor that helped decide where the sections of the poem should be subdivided was that of transition. It was decided that a good way to aid the understanding and interpretation of this material was to make clear the transitions that were inherent within the poem. These transitions consisted of changes of locale, of persons speaking, changes from first person to second person, from narrative to dialogue, from author speaking to first person character speaking, and changes of time. A general rule that was used to promote clarity was to change the reader speaking at each of these transitions. The next factor in the division of the poem was one of tone or feeling. To help add variety to the presentation the plan was to east a variety of types of readers and voices. While dividing the poem, moods or feelings were noted that

could be better presented by one type of voice or personality than by another. The last factor had to do with visual composition. The position of each reader on the stage, and the order of his speaking were considered. It was thought that a purely random division of parts would be distracting visually, because of spatial incongruity between the readers. An effort was made to have successive passages follow visually along the row of readers and back. For instance, a verbal exchange would be held between two readers next to one another, rather than between two who were separated by a reader not involved in that passage.

With these preliminary decisions made, tryouts were held, a cast was selected, and rehearsals began. Statements of the goals of the rehearsals are included in a succeeding section of the thesis. During the rehearsals, the director was concerned with implementing the principles of good oral interpretation and communicative reading.

The principles that must concern a director of oral reading may be grouped under these headings: stating the meaning, expressing the meaning, visible communication, and audible communication. There are several factors under each of these headings that are involved in analyzing the process of oral interpretation. These factors may be found in any good text on communicative reading. It seems obvious to this writer that attention to all of these factors simultaneously, or even consecutively, is beyond hope or reason as a method of practical direction. For this production the director proceeded on the assumption that many or most of these factors would be satisfactorily presented because of the nature of the literature, and by responsive east members. He therefore attempted to predict the most obvious difficulties that were likely to occur, and

worked on the solution of these. These problems were word meanings and pronunciations, thought groupings, mood, and rhythm. The satisfactory solution of these problems came through a close understanding and cooperation between the director and the readers. The other aspects of oral interpretation seemed to be adequately accomplished by the readers' close study of the poem and their earnest work for clear and effective communication. The best use of the long list of interpretation principles mentioned above seemed to be in expressing and phrasing suggested changes to the readers that the director felt were necessary for clear and effective understanding by the audience.

This section has given an outline of the direction process, and an explanation of the production style. The succeeding sections discuss the other aspects of the production.

The Readers

Readers for the production were chosen from students who read at open tryouts held on the Kansas State University campus. As was explained earlier, this was not a production in which actors were needed. There were no parts or roles, as in a play, but each reader read many parts in varied styles of writing. The readers were east for their ability to communicate orally. A feeling of ensemble communication was demanded of the readers for this production. The unity, continuity, and flow of the entire production were of utmost importance, not unlike those in a play, but of a different nature. There were not several characters working or experiencing together, but a group of readers as one unit with one goal—that of interpreting and communicating a work of art.

Because this production was presented in a formalistic manner with no specific characters or roles, the costuming was also formalistic. The writer felt that due to the manner of the presentation and the stature of the material to be presented, a simple and undistracting dress was in order. The men wore black suits, white shirts, black over-hand ties, and black shoes and socks. The women wore black sheath dresses, and black high-heeled shoes.

Three factors influenced the decision to use stage make-up on the readers. First, stage lighting was used on the readers; seeond, they were silhouetted against the projection; and third, the house was relatively deep. A chart of the make-up used on each reader is included on Plate XIII.

The Settings

A discussion of the settings for the production must be divided into two parts; one, a discussion of the basic formalistic setting, and two, a discussion of the slides that were projected behind the readers. When the term <u>formalistic</u> is used, it refers to a setting that does not suggest a specific locale or place of action, as differentiated from all other realistic or expressive scenery.

Because there was no action on the part of the readers, as is normally a part of dramatic production, it was not necessary to provide an "acting area" or environmental setting. It was therefore decided to merely provide music stands on which the readers placed their books while reading, and chairs to be used when not reading. Since it was necessary to mask the Linnebach projectors, platforms were placed on the stage on which the readers stood. The chairs were placed on higher

platforms at each side of the stage, four chairs stage right for the men, and two stage left, for the women. A ground plan of the stage can be seen on Plate XV. A plan of the entire theatre is on Plate XIV. All of the platforms were painted a neutral grey on the front, to blend with the curtains on the stage. The tops were painted black to reduce light reflection that might have washed out the projections. A ground row of rolling hills was placed on the back of the platforms to suggest the Kansas landscape and establish a foreground for the projection of sky scenes.

There were nine projections, one for each part of the poem. The projected scenes helped the production in many ways. First, by the use of color the emotional impact of each of the scenes was heightened. The writer tried to determine the emotional intensity or feeling of each of the scenes, and tried to correlate a color that would earry that feeling. After much deliberation it was decided that projections of cloud formations or skies could be used to best perform this function. A wide variety of shapes, colors, and intensities could be obtained in this way.

The slide for the first seene, The Dispatch, was a background of very pale blue, with horizontal clouds, over which the words "A West Wind Rises" were seen in black letters. It was hoped that this would help portray the idea of newspaper print, or a dispatch. The second seene was the exposition and the initial action. This scene had a deep blue sky with rising emulus clouds, suggesting an unstable atmosphere. The next scene was the meeting at Jackson's store. This was told from the raiders' point of view, and related the planning of the raid. A

gathering storm in black and grey was used for this slide, with the sun disappearing behind the clouds. These men embodied the gathering storm, and were destroying all hope that the issue of slavery could be scttled peacefully. "Miriam Nickell's Letter to Her Mother" reported on the raid, and was the first description of the raiders as they appeared to their victims. This scene was again in very dark colors, with menacing cloud formations. The first hint of blood was suggested by a purple hue among the clouds. By the fifth part, the true character of the raiders and raid are evident, and a very dark storm with heavy clouds was used to project the feeling. Part six is "The Marriage of Lily Stillwell," which does not fit well into this visual scheme of dramatic presentation. The only thing that could be done with the background was to project the mood of this scene only, and resume the progression of the storm (the raid) in part seven. The predominant feeling that was projected by the script for this scene was the feeling of the unrelenting Kansas heat, so an all-yellow sky with a white sun was used. The next scene was "The Battle at Snyder's Forge." This scene resumed the storm sequence. Red and purple were added to this slide for an increased feeling of violence. The eighth scene, "The Massacre," was both the climax and end of the storm, and was protrayed with lingering black clouds against a violent red sky. The last scene took place five years after the massacre, and was the denouement of the poem. Once again the atmosphere was serene. As the author of the poem writes, there were "the sweep of mare's tails in the sky." Pictures of all the scenes can be seen on Plate XI.

The Lighting

The lighting for the production was uncomplicated. Normal forty-five degree lighting from each side of the actor was used. Rosco special lavender #242 was used from the stage right stand, and Rosco light straw #205 was used from the stage left stand. The only problem that arose was in the necessity of keeping the light from falling on the projection screen. This was easily solved by the proper placement of the light stands and top-hats used on the fresnels. A light plot, instrument schedule, and cue sheet are found on Plates XVI, XVII, and XVIII, respectively.

The Sound

The music for the production was composed by Joshua Missal of Wiehita, Kansas. The complete score, with cues, is reproduced in Appendix C.

The music was played live for the production. Janico Hicks played piano and Bernie Cohen played drums.

The Promot Script

The prompt script is an exact typed copy of the poem as it was published by the University of Nebraska Press. All sound and lighting cues are included. The script is Appendix A, with the key preceding it.

Rehearsal Data

The following is a description of the procedure and goals for the rehearsals of the readers. At the first rehearsal there were three things accomplished: first, the readers were told more of the background of

the poem and of the author, and given a brief sketch of the plot or story; next, the director went through the script and had everyone make note of his part; last, a read-through of the script was completed with everyone reading his assigned part.

During approximately the first two weeks of rehearsal the readers were divided, the men rehearsing three evenings a week and the women rehearsing the other two afternoons. During these sessions there was discussion about over-all concepts that would govern such things as pace, rhythm, volume, intention, and build. There were also discussions as to the meanings of specific parts, phrases or words. There was concentration on the poem itself, rather than its communication. The director felt that it was necessary for the readers to become familiar with the poem, its symbolism, images, mood, thought sequences, etc., before they could communicate it effectively to an audience.

During the next week of rchearsal, emphasis began to shift to the mechanics of interpretation. These included such things as pronunciation, enunciation, pitch, tone, rhythm, variation, and intention. These were factors that the director felt encompassed the major aspects of oral interpretation and were most useful in discussing the variable elements of vocal manipulation. Much of this work came naturally by the actors! mental interpretation of the material. They could then let their voices express this meaning in their own manner. Changes were suggested by the director after first listening to the reading to see if it made sense as it was presented, and if it agreed with his interpretation of the material. There being an almost infinite number of variables involved in the vocal expression of language, one is obliged to rely on his own

judgment as a director, to make almost intuitive decisions about what is right or wrong.

The fourth week of rehearsal was devoted almost exclusively to continuity. The rehearsal pianist came to every rehearsal and played the entire score with the readers. The music helped greatly to establish mood and transitions. Complete run-throughs, without stops, were held. Notes were given only at the end of the reading. Memorization was also stressed more during this period. Special attention was given to pace, build, and intention.

During the last week, dress rehearsals, work was done on details, individual problems, and polishing. A rehearsal schedule is included on Plate XTX.

The Performance

The performances were given on February 18, 19, and 20, 1965, at 8:30 p.m., in Williams Auditorium, on the Kansas State University campus. Admission was 50% for all persons. A copy of the program is included on Plate XX. Pictures of the production are on Plate XXIII, and reproductions of the reviews in the K-State Collegian and Manhattan Moreury are on Plate XXI. It might be mentioned that Mr. Cutler attended the opening night performance and praised the efforts of those who worked on the production.

The Budget

The budget for the production was \$150.00 plus income from the box office. A complete break-down of expenditures and income for the production are on Plate XXII.

APPENDIX A

The plates referred to in the body of the thesis.

EXPLANATION OF PLATE I*

- Fig. 1. Typical incandescent lamp filament constructions and the most common burning positions.
- Fig. 2. Typical bulb shapes and designations.
- Fig. 3. Common lamp bases.
- * These figures are taken from Chapter 8 of the <u>Illuminating Engineering Society Handbook</u>, Third Edition, 1959.

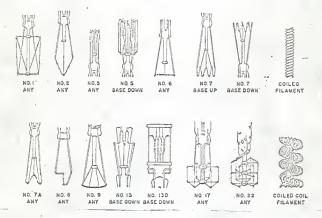


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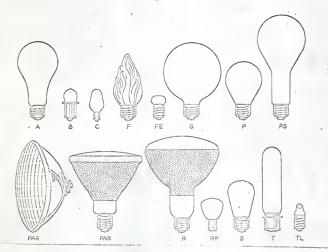


Fig. 2.



EXPLANATION OF PLATE II

The Chart of Lamp Comparisons

Abbreviations used on the chart:

BURN. POS. = burning position

M.O.L. = maximum over-all length

L.C.L. = light center length

COLOR TEMP. oK = color temperature in degrees Kelvin

Med. Pf. = medium prefocus base

Mog. Pf. = mogul prefocus base

Med. Bip. = medium bipost base

Mog. Bip. = mogul bipost base

R.S.C. - recessed single contact base

Rect. R.S.C. = rectangular recessed single contact base

Sktd. = skirted

BBD - burn base down

BBU = burn base up

ANY = burn in any position

G.E. = General Electric Photographic Lamp and Equipment Guide, 1964

Sylvania = Sylvania Lighting Products Bulletin No. 64

Radiant = Radiant Lamp Corporation Bulletin 04 115

Westinghouse = Westinghouse Lamp Division, Large Lamp Price Schedule S-404

I.E.S. = Illuminating Engineering Society Handbook, 3rd Ed., p. 8-77

PLATE II

33 LAMP COMPARISON CHART KEY ON OPPOSITE PAGE BASE COLOR HOURS GE VOLTS BULB PRICE FILAMENT M.O.L. L.C.L. TEMP. LUMENS COMPANY BURN. PDS. LIFE Med. Pf. \$5.75 5 3/4 120 T-12 C-13D 2 3/16 10 30,500 G.E. 3375 88 D Med. Pf. 5 3/4 23/16 C-13D 120 T-12 6.25 25 28,500 3300 G.E. BBD Mog. Pf. 5 3/4 23/6 T-20 11.75 C-13 120 50 28,000 3200 G.E. BBD Med. Pf. 5 3/4 2 3/6 T-20 120 11.15 C-13 25 32,000 3350 G.E. BBD. R.S.C. 33/4 120 T-5 guartz 30 17.75 CC-8 33,000 3400 G.E. ANY B.S.C. T-5 3 3/4 120 17.00 CC-B 150 26,000 3200 G.E. ANY quartz Rect. R.S.C. 53/8 120 T-6 16.80 CC-8 19,000 2000 3000 Sylvania ANY quartz Med. Pf. Sktd. 3/2 534 120 T-12 12.65 C-13D 200 23,750 Radiant 3000 BBU Med, Pf. 5 3/4 2 3/16 T-20 120 11.40 C-13D 200 23,750 880 3000 Radiant Mog Bip. T-24 120 6/2 30.25 C-13D 10 200 22,500 3000 Radiant BBU Mog. Bip. G-48 120 93/8 5 23,500 19.00 C-13 200 3000 Radiant BBD Med. Bip. T-24 120 9/8 5/2 14.00 C-13 1000 20,000 2850 Westinghous BBU Mog. Bip. 9/2 4 120 T-20 8.50 C-13 500 21,000 2950 Westinghous 880 Mog. Pt. 3 15/6 120 G-40 87/16 C-13 50 28,000 3200 BBD IE.S Mog. Pf. 120 G-40 8 7/16 3 /16 C-13 23,000 200 3000 BBD I.E.S. Mog. Bip. G-48 120 93/9 5 C-13 1.00 25,500 I.E.S. BBU 3100 Med. Bip. T-24 120 9/8 C-13 5/2 BBD 1000 19,600 2800 I.E.S. Med , Bip.

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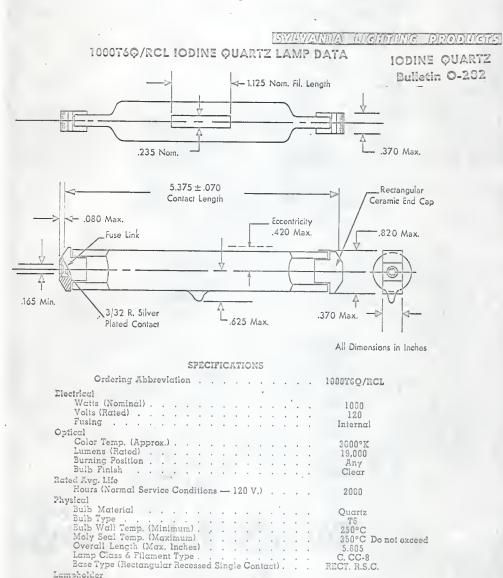
BBD

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EXPLANATION OF PLATE III

- Fig. 1. Sylvania iodine quartz lamp data and specifications, Bulletin 0-282.
- Fig. 2. Sylvania iodine quartz lamp characteristics.
- Fig. 3. Sylvania iodine quartz lampholder, Bulletin 0-288.
- Fig. 4. Sylvania iodine quartz lampholder specifications.

Fig. 1.



No. 53

Iodine Quartz Lampholder

Fig. 2.

REPRESENTATIVE LAMP CHARACTERISTICS CURVES BELOW ARE FOR THE 1000T6Q/RCL — 120 VOLT IODINE QUARTZ LAMP

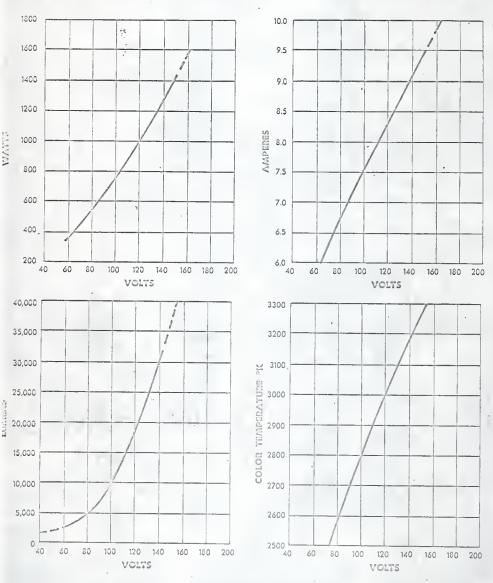
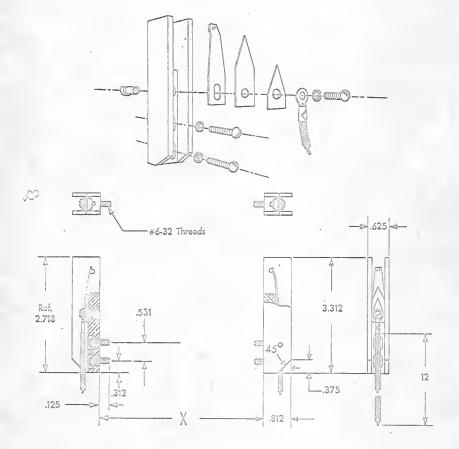


PLATE III cont.

Fig. 3.

IODINE QUARTZ LAMPHOLDER Bulletin 0-288



X = Nominal Contact Length of Lamp less 0.562" ± .015"

All Dimensions Given in Inches See Specifications on Reverse Side

PLATE III cont.

Fig. 4.

IODINE QUARTZ LAMPHOLDER TYPE NO. S3

SPECIFICATIONS

Ordering Abbreviation Iodine Quartz Lampholder No. S3 10 Amps* Maximum Current Muximum Voltage 600V 350°C. Maximum Operating Temperaturo** . 3/8 " Maximum Contact Deflection . . Intermittent or Continuous Duty Cycle Indoor or Outdoor Rectangular Recessed Single Contact (RECT.R.S.C.) Lump Dase Type Application Also Recessed Single Contact (REC.S.C.) Socket Material . Steatite Silver ball contact on corrosion resistant, high tempera-Contact Material ture spring material "Inconel" Reinforcing Spring Material . . #6-32 corrosion resistant steel Plounting Screws . . . U.L. Listed, Type SF2, #14 Ga., 600V suitable for 200°C. Wire Leads . . . Service 12" lead length standard. Other lengths and wire types available on special order. Plated brass terminal (#4 screw hole) on spring end; Wire Lead Terminations . 1/4" strip other end.

Note: On special order this part may be ordered with top ¾ "cut off ceramic to allow for forced cooling. Specify Part No. S3A.

Assembled sockets are available as samples only. Normal orders are filled unassembled for ease of assembly, unless otherwise requested.

All data subject to change without notice.

^{*}Higher current rating can be attained with forced cooling.

^{**}Maximum temperature shown above is at rear of contact button. Do no exceed.

EXPLANATION OF PLATE IV

- Fig. 1. General Electric iodine cycle lamps available. Excerpt taken from the G.E. Photographic Lamo and Equipment Guide.
 - Fig. 2. Sylvania Lighting Products iodine quartz lamps available.

 Excerpt taken from the <u>Sylvania Large Lamp Price Schedule No. 64</u>.

General Electric Lamps

SPECIFICATIONS (all are lodine cycle lamps)

| ASA Lamp Code | Application | Voltage | Walls | Sulb Dia. Inches | Sase | Max. averali lgth. inches | Approx. Hours Life | Approx. Lumens (C.P. == Candiepower) | Approx. Color Temp, °K |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------|-------|------------------------|------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| DWY | Open face movie lights | 120 | 650 | 1/2 | SCR | 31/16 | 25 | 20,000 | 3400 |
| DXK | Uniflood movie light | 120 | 650 | 41/2 | FC | 27/16 | 16 | 30,000 C.P. | 3400 |
| DXN | Studio equipment | 120 | 1000 | 5/8 | SCR | 33/4 | 30 | 33,000 | 3400 |
| DXV | Overseas version DWY | 230 | 800 | 1/2 | SCR | 31/16 | 16 | 20,000 | 3400 |
| DXW | Studio Equipment | 120 | 1000 | 5/8 | SCR | 33/4 | 150 | 26,000 | 3200 |
| FAB | Copy board—Short exposure . | 120 | 650 | 1/2 | SCR | 31/16 | 16 | 22,000 | 3400 |
| FAD | Professional type DWY | 120 | 650 | 1/2 | SCR | 3 1/16 | 100 | 16,500 | 3200 |
| FAL | Overhead Projectors | 120 | 420 | 1/2 | SCR | 25/8 | 75 | 11,000 | 3200 |
| FAY | Daylight version of DXK | 120 | 650 | 41/2 | FC | 27/16 | 16 | 30,000 C.P. | 5000 |
| FAZ | Wide beam Uniflood | 120 | 650 | 41/2 | FC | 27/16 | 16 | 9,500 C.P. | 3400 |
| FBJ | Spot beam Uniflood | 120 | 650 | 41/2 | FC | 27/16 | 16 | 60,000 C.P. | 3400 |

SCR = Single Contact Recessed FC = Ferrule Contact

Fig. 1.

SYLVANIA IODINE QUARTZ

All lodine Quartz Lamps are internally fused and Universal Lamps have rough service construction

| Watts | Bulb | Base | Volts | Ordering Abbreviation (Except Volte) | List Price | Description | Std. Pkg. Qty. | Class and Fil. | Rated Hours Life | Approx. Lumens | |
|-------|------|--------------|------------------|--|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| 200 | T-4 | Rec. S.C. | 120 | 300T4Q/CL | 9,25 | ☆☆General Lighting (23,71) | 6 | C, CC-8 | 2000 | | 311/4 |
| 460 | T-4 | Rec. S.C. | 120 | 400T4Q/CL | 8.95 | ☆☆General Lighting (23,71) | 6 | C, C-8 | 2000 | 7500 | 213/16 |
| 500 | T-3 | Rec. S.C. | 120 | 500T3Q/CL/U | 10.60 | 水水Universal Lighting (71) | 12 | C, C-8 | 2000 | 10500 | 41/2 |
| 1000 | T-6 | Rect. R.S.C. | 120 | 1000TGQ/RCL | 16.50 | 水水Flood Lighting (71) | 12 | C, C-8 | 2000 | 19000 | 5% |
| 1560 | 7-3 | Rec. S.C. | 208, 240, 277 | 150073Q/CL/U | 14.70 | ★★Universal Lighting (71) | 12 | C, C-8 | 2000 | 33000 | 97/8 |

EXPLANATION OF PLATE V

- Fig. 1. Sample shapes of Linnebach projectors.
- Fig. 2. Reproduction of the catalog description of Kliegl Brothers' Linnebach projector.
- Fig. 3. Reproduction of the catalog description of the Century Lighting Company's Linnebach lantern.
- Fig. 4. Published specifications of the Century lantern.



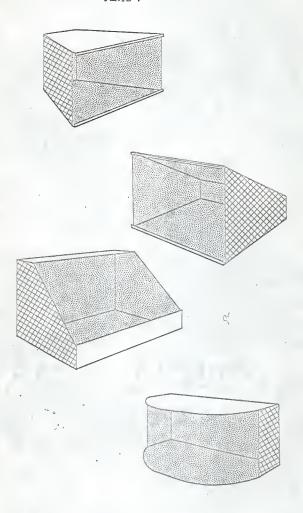
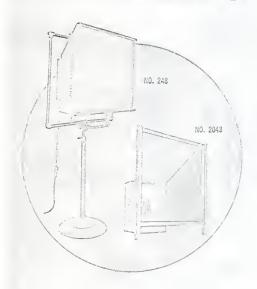


Fig. 1.

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Fig. 2.

KLIEGL LINNEBACH TYPE SCENIC PROJECTORS



Designed for the projection of scenery on rear curtains or similar large flat areas. Desired scene is painted, or otherwise applied, on a glass slide and is then projected on a curtain or back drop without the use of lenses. Based on the shadow box principle and using a single concentrated light source all colors and designs are clearly projected—outlines are slightly diffused producing a soft-toned appearance. All units wired and furnished with 25 feet of stage cable.

No. 2048 - projects a scene 15 feet wide from a 15 foot throw. Takes $24'' \times 24''$ glass slide and uses a 1000 watt T20, C13D biplane filament mogul prefocus base lamp.

No. 248 – projects a scene 30 fect wide from a 10 foot throw. Takes a 28" x 40" glass slide and uses a 2100 watt 65 volt mogul bipost lamp. Unit equipped with a transformer for use on 110 volt A.C. and 25 feet of stage cable.

FRAMED SLIDES

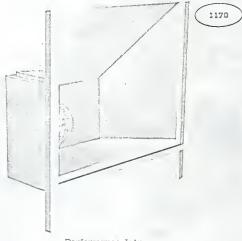
No. 2049 - 2412" x 2412" wooden frame with glass slide for unit No. 2048.

No. 249 -- 281/2" x 401/2" wooden frame with glass slide for unit No. 248.

1000-2000 watt Linneback Lantern

This unit is named after its famous inventor, Adolph Linnebach. It is a simple form of shadow projector using an 18"x20" glass slide or silhouette cut-out. Direct emanation from the concentrated filament projects the bold pattern of the slide as long as its details are larger than the source. The pattern can be colored.

This unit provides the simplest means of projecting a general colored light pattern with a soft edge over a wide area from a 5 to 15 foot distance.



Performance data 2000 watt G-48 Bipost C-13D Filament Lamp

Distance to screen-5'

Illumination of left half of screen at 2' intervals*

| 18 | 27 | 34 |
|----|-----|-----|
| 35 | 44 | 51 |
| 50 | 100 | 134 |
| 70 | 150 | 232 |
| 8B | 190 | 275 |
| 55 | 190 | 27 |

Distance to screen-7.5'

Illumination of left half of screen at 3' intervals*

| 8 | 12 | 16 |
|----|----------------|-------------------------|
| 16 | 20 | 22 |
| 22 | 44 | 60 |
| 32 | 68 | 100 |
| 40 | 84 | 120 |
| | 16 22 32 | 16 20 22 44 32 68 |

Distance to screen-10'

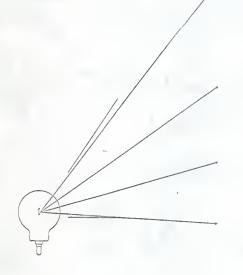
Illumination of left half of screen at 4' intervals*

| 4 | 7 | 8 |
|----|---------------|------------------------|
| 9 | 11 | 13 |
| 12 | 25 | 33 |
| 17 | 38 | SB |
| 22 | 48 | 69 |
| | 9 12 17 | 9 11 12 25 17 38 |

Distance to screen-15'

Illumination of left half of screen at 6' intervals"

| 2 | 3 | 4 |
|----|----|----|
| 4 | 5 | 5 |
| 5 | 11 | 15 |
| 8 | 17 | 25 |
| 10 | 21 | 31 |

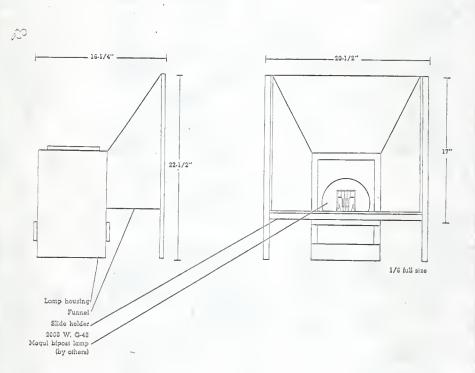


Calculations are based on average conditions *These values are for use with a clear slide and assuming the unit rust, on the floor opposite center of screen



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1000-2000 watt Linnebach Lantern



Specifications

This unit shall consist of an approved heat resisting receptacle to accommodate a 1000, 1500, or 2000 watt G-40 or G-48 magul bipost base lamp, and an 18" x 20" effect carrier frame, in a steel housing not more than 22" high, 2014" wide, and 16" deep.

The lamp receptacle shall be permanently mounted, at such an angle that the maximum condispower output is directed through the center of the effect opening. Adequate ventilation shall be provided through

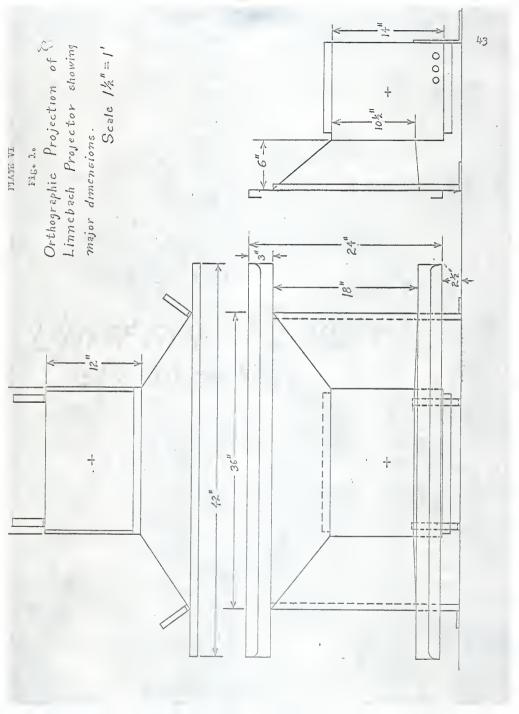
perforations in the housing, light spill being eliminated by metal bailles.

The unit shall be designed to rest upon the floor, and vertical tilting shall be provided through adjustable feet below the effect carrier frame. Three foot asbestos loads shall be provided as standard equipment. Finish shall be flat black overall, and light output shall conform to the partitionance schedule shown.

EXPLANATION OF PLATE VI

Fig. 1. Orthographic projection of the Linnebach projectors for this project.

Fig. 2. Side wiew of the projector housing, showing the position of the greats lamp and the proposed positions of other lamps and hollers.



5 Medium Prefocus Holder

ES Support Block

PLATE VI cont. Fig. 2. SIDE VIEW OF Projector showing 2 positions of the Quartz lamp and proposed positions of two other holders and lamps. Scale 3/8" = 1" SMogul Bipost Holder ST24 BBU Lamp Quartz Lamp in Vertical Position (Side View) Quartz Holder Bolts to Housing Here. · Quartz Lamp in Horizontal Position (End View) -TI2 8BD Lamp

EXPLANATION OF PLATE VII

- Fig. 1. Front view of the projector housing.
- Fig. 2. Back view of the projector housing.
- Fig. 3. Side view of the projector housing.
- Fig. 4. Side view of the projector housing.
- Fig. 5. Housing, showing slide being placed into position.
- Fig. 6. Hand rivet press used for constructing the housing.
- Fig. 7. Inside of housing, showing quartz holder at light center position.
- Fig. 8. Quartz lamp at lowest position.
- Fig. 9. Quartz lamp at highest position.
- Fig. 10. An exploded view of quartz holder (dim. ref.: lamp = 5^{11}).
- Fig. 11. Another view of the quartz holder.



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Fig. 3.



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Fig. 6.







Fig. 8.



Fig. 9.

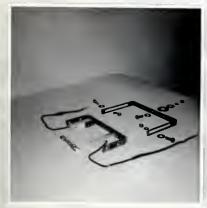


Fig. 10.

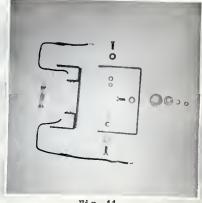


Fig. 11.

EXPLANATION OF PLATE VIII

List 1. The list of materials used for the building of the projectors.

List 2. A list of the tools used in the building of the projectors.

PLATE VIII

| List 1. List of materials for two projectors and slides | List 2. List of tools used for construction |
|---|---|
| Accetate (.125" - 4 sheets, 36" X 60") | 431 straight edge |
| Shoet metal (.045" - 56 sq. ft.) | Scribe |
| Pop rivets (200) | 6: steel tape |
| Strap iron (20: - 3/16" X 3/4") | Bluing Dykum |
| Corner braces (4 ea., 6" X 6" X 1") | Hand brake |
| Machine bolts (6 ea., 3/8" X 1") | Tin snips |
| Machine screws (8 ca., 1/2" X 8-32) | Flat file |
| ASB-12 electrical cable (6°) | Rat-tail file |
| Paint remover (1 qt.) | 1/4 th electric drill |
| Metal primer spray (1 pt.) | 3/32", 1/8", 1/4", 3/8" drills |
| Flat black enamel spray (6 pts.) | Tap handle |
| Electrical take-alls (6) | 8-32 tap |
| Male parallel-blade connectors (2) | Bench vise |
| Wood sorews (36 ca., 2h = #9 FH) | Ball-pean hammer |
| Lumber (100 running feet of 1" X 3" pine) | Rivet squeeze |
| | Hack saw |

Table saw

EXPLANATION OF PLATE IX

- Fig. 1. A reproduction of the mechanical and optical properties of acrylic resins, published by Dupont.
- Fig. 2. A reproduction of the thermal and electrical properties of acrylic resins, published by Dupont.
- Fig. 3. A reproduction of the Dupont chart of the chemical resistance of acrylic resins.

PLATE IX

Fig. 1.

MECHANICAL AND OPTICAL PROPERTIES OF "LUCITE" ACRYLIC RESINS

| Property() | | Units | ASTM D- Method | "Lucite" 129 | Sheet Ext "Lucite" 130 | ruded from "Lucite" 140 | "Lucite" | Sheet Cast from "Lucito" Acrylic Monomer | Reinforced Laminates Cast from "Lucite" Acrylic Sirup® |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--|---|
| Mechanical | | | | | | | | | |
| Tensile Strength | −70°F 73°F 158°F | psi psi . psi | 638 | 14,500 10,000 4,000 | 14,500 9,500 3,500 | 14,500 10,500 5,000 | 15,000 11,000 6,000 | 10,500 | 10,500 |
| Tensile Elongation | -70°F 73°F 158°F | % . % | 638 | 2 4 90 | 2 4 100 | 2 4 80 | 2 4 50 | 4–5 | 2 |
| Tensile Modulus | | psi | /638 | 450,000 | 400,000 | 450,000 | 450,000 | 450,000 | 700,000 |
| Shear Strength | | psi | 732 | 9,000 | 7,500 | 9,400 | | 9,000 | |
| Impact Strength, No | tched Izod | ft.lb./in. | 256 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 6.0 |
| Impact Strength, Ch | arpy . | ft.lb. | 256 | | | | | 3.5 | |
| 5tiffness | | psl | 747 | 410,000 | 340,000 | 430,000 | | | |
| Flexural Strength | | psl | 790 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 16,000 | 17,000 | 16,000 | 20,000 |
| Hardness, Rockwell | | _ | 785 | 95 | 88 | 103 | 100 | 100 | 104 |
| Compressive Strengt | h | psî | 695 | | | | | 18,000 | 24,000 |
| Optical: | | | | | | | | | |
| Index of Refraction | | ηο | 542 | 1.491 | 1.491 | 1.491 | 1.491 | 1.49 | 1.493 |
| Olspersion | | (ηο-I)(ηε-ηc) | 542 | 49 | 49 | 49 | | | |
| Visible Light Transm | Ittance | % | 791 | >92 | >92 | >92 | >92 | >92 | 82 |
| Haze | | % | 1003 | <3 | <3 | <3 | <3 | | |
| Gloss | | % | 1223 | | | | | | 90 |
| Miscollaneous | | | | | | | | | |
| Specific Gravity | | _ | 792 | 1.18 | 1.18 | 1.19 | 1.19 | 1,19 | 1.19 |
| Flammability | | In./min. | 635 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 1.4 |
| Inherent Viscosity | | _ | 24 | 0.45 | 0.45 | 0.45 | 0.58 | ~5.0 | |

w All data obtained at 73°F unless otherwise indicated.

⁽ii) Laminates reinforced with 25% chopped strand glass fiber mat.

PLATE IX cont.

Fig. 2.

THERMAL AND ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES OF "LUCITE" ACRYLIC RESINS

| Property ⁽¹⁾ | Units | ASTM D- Method | "Lucite" 129 | | ruded from ''Lucite'' 140 | "Lucite" | Sheet Cast from "Lucite" Acrylic Monomer | Reinforced Laminates Cast from "Lucite" Acrylic Sirup ⁽²⁾ |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------|---------------------------------|----------|--|---|
| rmal | | | | | | | | |
| pefficient of Linear | | | | | | 1 | | |
| nermal Expansion, -100°F Average | in./in./°F | 696 | 4 x 10-5 | 4 x 10-5 | 3 x 10-5 | 2 | 4 444 | |
| hermal Conductivity | | | | | | 3 x 10-5 | 4 x 10-5 | , 2.5 x 10-5 |
| remar conductivity | BTU/hr./ sq.ft./°F/in. | Cenco-Finch | 1,4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| ecific Heat | _ | | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.28 |
| oformation Under Load, 100 psi, 24 hrs., 122°F | % | 621 | 0.7 | _ | 0.35 | 0.3 | | |
| eat Oistortion Temp., | | | | | | | | |
| 264 psi | °F . | 648 | 180 | 166 | 202 | 204 | 214 | 230 |
| 66 psi | °F | | 190 | 175 | 216 | 213 | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| trical | | | | | | | | |
| electric Strength | v./mii. | 149 | 400 | 400 | 400 | 400 | 500 (1/8") | 540 (1/8") |
| c Resistance | sec. | 495 | | - No Tra | cking - | | No Tracking | 128 |
| lume Resistivity | ohm-cm. | 257 | >1014 | >1014 | >1015 | | | 1016 |
| alectric Constant, | | | | | | | | 20.5 |
| 60 cycles | - | 150 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3,6 | |
| 10° cycles | - | | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 4.0 |
| 10 cycles | - | | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.5 | |
| ssipation Factor | | | | | | | | |
| 60 cycles 103 cycles | _ | 150 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.05 | |
| 10 cycl | - | | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.04 0.03 | 0.04 |

All data obtained at 73°F unless otherwise indicated.

For panels containing 25% chopped strand glass fiber mat.

Fig. 3.

RESISTANCE OF "LUCITE" ACRYLIC RESINS TO SOLVENTS AND CHEMICALS

| Reagent | Concentration (%) | Temperature (°F) | Resistanco* | Reagent | Concentration (%) | Temperature (°F) | Resistanco* |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Acetaldehyde | 100 | 100 | U | Formic Acid | 10 | 100 | U |
| Acetic Acid | 10 | 150 | L | Gasoline | 100 | 100 | U |
| | 50 | . 85 | L | Glycerine | 100 | 100 | S |
| | 80 | 150 | L ·· | Higher Fatty Acids | 100 | 100 | S |
| | 100 | 85 | U | Hydrochloric Acid | 30 | 210 | L · |
| Acetone | 100 | 120 | U | | 35 | 150 | S |
| Alcohols, Amyl | 100 | 100 | U | Hydrofluoric Acid | 40 | 85 | L . |
| 8utyl | 100 | 100 | U | Hydrogen Peroxide | 10 | 100 | S |
| Ethyl | 100 | 120 | U | Kerosene | 100 | 100 | L |
| Methyl | 100 | 100 | U | Lactic Acid | 10 | 100 | |
| Propyl | 100 | 100 | U | | 50 | 100 | L |
| Alum, Ammonium | 10 | 100 | S | | 80 | 200 | U |
| Aluminum Chloride | 30 | 150 | S | | 90 | 100 | U |
| Ammonia (Gas) | 100 | 100 | S | Lubricating Oil | 100 | 100 | L |
| Ammonium Carbonate | Sat'd | 100 | S | Methyl Ethyl Ketone | 100 | 100 | U |
| Ammonium Chloride | 30 | 150 | S | Naphtha | 100 | 100 | U |
| Ammonium Hydroxide | 30 | 100 | S | Nitric Acid | 10 | 100 | L |
| Amyl Acetate | 100 | 100 | U | Oxalic Acid | Sat'd | 125 | U |
| Aniline | 100 | 100 | U | Phenol | 10 | 70 | U |
| Barium Hydroxide | 10 | 120 | L | Phosphoric Acid | 100 | 150 | S |
| Benzaldehyde | 100 | 100 | U | Potassium 8ichromate | 10 | 100 | S |
| Senzene | 100 | 100 | U | Potassium Carbonate | 50 | 100 | S |
| Senzoic Acid | Sat'd | 125 | S | Potassium Hydroxide | 10 | 120 | L |
| Carbon Tetrachloride | 100 | 75 | L | Potassium Sulfate | 50 | 150 | S |
| | 100 | 120 | U | Sodium Dichromate | 70 | 100 | S |
| Cetane · | 100 | 120 | S | Sodium Hypochlorite | 50 | 100 | S |
| Chromic Acid | 10 | 100 | U | Sodium Nitrate | 50 | 200 | • s |
| Citric Acid | 10 | 100 | L | Sulfuric Acid | 10 | 200 | L |
| Olesel Oil | 100 | 100 | L. | | 50 | 150 | U |
| Olethylene Glycol | 100 | 100 | L | | 70 | 100 | U |
| Ethyl Acetate | 100 | 120 | U | Tetrachloroethane | 100 | 100 | U |
| Ethyl Chloride | 100 | 100 | U | Toluene | 100 | 120 | U |
| Etnyl Ether | 100 | 100 | U | Xylene | 100 | 100 | U |
| Ethylene Glycol | 100 | 100 | L | | | | |

^{*}S = Satisfactory, L = Limited Service, U = Unsatisfactory.

These ratings are approximate, actual service life may vary widely depending on conditions of service and purity of reagent.

EXPLANATION OF PLATE X

A front view of the slide frame, and an exploded detail showing frame construction.

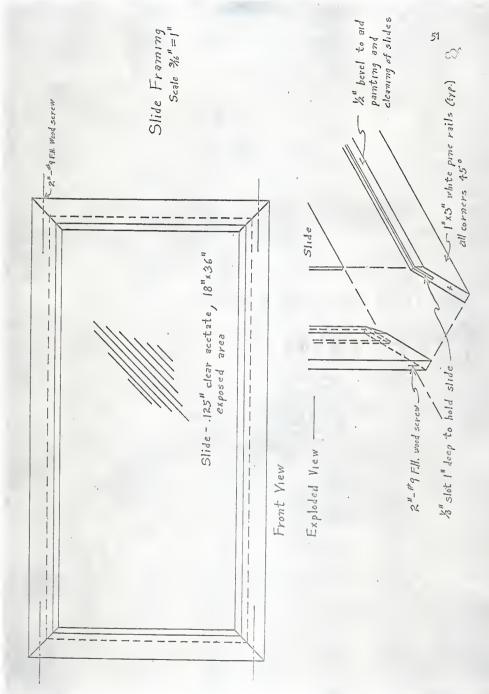


PLATE X

EXPLANATION OF PLATE XI

- Fig. 1. Picture of the slide used for projection for Part I of the poem.
- Fig. 2. Slide for Part II.
- Fig. 3. Slide for Part III.
- Fig. 4. Slide for Part IV.
- Fig. 5. Slide for Part V.
- Fig. 6. Slide for Part VI.
- Fig. 7. Slide for Part VII.
- Fig. 8. Slide for Part VIII.
- Fig. 9. Slide for Part IX.



PLATE XI



Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.



PLATE XI cont. Fig. 4.

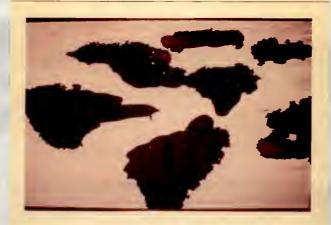


Fig. 5.



Fig. 6.



PLATE XI cont. Fig. 7.



Fig. 8.



Fig. 9.

EXPLANATION OF PLATE XII A cost analysis of the entire Linnebach projector project.

PLATE XII

Cost Analysis of Projectors and Slides

| Clear acetate (4shccts, 36%x60%) | \$40.80 |
|--|---------|
| Lumber (25 bd. ft.) | 5.61 |
| Sheet metal (56 sq. ft.) | 6.65 |
| Inks (8 colors, 1 oz. ea.) | 5.40 |
| Pop rivets (200 ea.) | 4.60 |
| Strap iron (20:-3/16"x3/4") | 1.00 |
| Corner braces (4 ea., 6"x6") | 2.00 |
| Machine bolts (6 ea., 3/8"x1") | .42 |
| Machine screws (8 ea., 1/2"x8-32) | . 24 |
| ASB-12 Cable (61) | 1.20 |
| Afaint remover (1 qt.) | 1.50 |
| Metal primer spray (1 pt.) | 1.75 |
| Flat black enamel spray (6 pts.) | 10.50 |
| Electrical take-alls (6 ea.) | 2.10 |
| Wood screws (36 ea., 2"-#9 FH) | .72 |
| Male parallel-blade connectors (2 ea.) | 2.60 |
| Total cost of 2 projectors and 12 slides | \$87.09 |

EXPLANATION OF PLATE XIII

The make up chart for the readers.

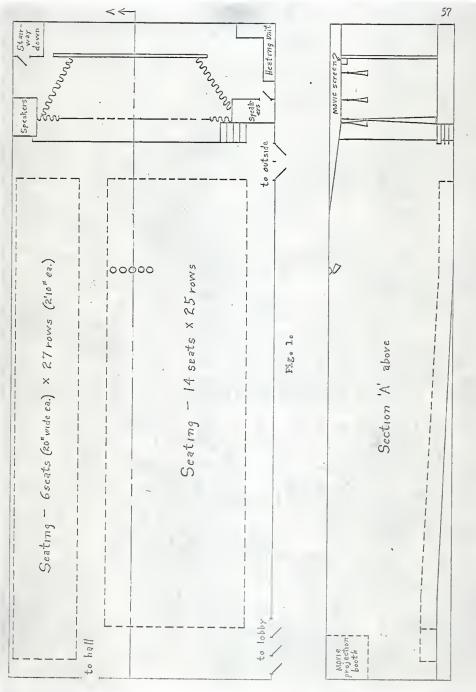
PLATE XIII

| RISES | Special | | Pancake base | | | | | ARMS + NECK- BOOY MAKEUP 71-6A | = | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------|-----------------------------------|-------------|--|
| MIND | Powder | | 70 | 7 | 5 | 73 | | 78 | 7 R | |
| WEST | Hi-Lights Powder | | BROWN SHADING | | 17 | | | 7A-2A LIGHT ROUGE | п | |
| ABT - A | Base | | 6A | 6A-5% | 6A-5% | 6A | | TA-2A | 7A-2A | |
| MAKE-UP CHART - A WEST WIND RISES | Readers | Men: | Larry Hovey | Boyd Masten | BIII Kammer | Chuck Boles | Women: | Nancy Stone | Jamie Aiken | |

EXPLANATION OF PLATE XIV

Fig. 1. The floor plan of the entire theatre (Williams Auditorium, Unberger Hall.)

Fig. 2. Side view of the entire theatro.



Fige 2º

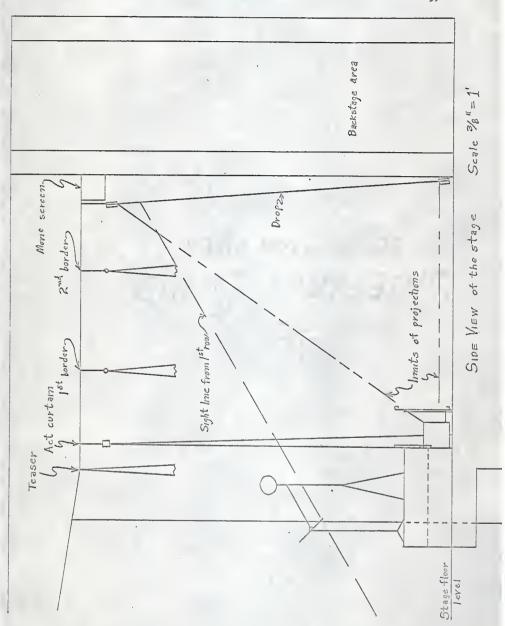
EXPLANATION OF PLATE XV

Fig. 1. Floor plan of the stage, showing the position of the olements of the setting.

Fig. 2. Side view of the stage and setting (sociton taken from stage left, at the center line of the stage.)

WWW. C Placement of music stands C Projectors Original position of curtains 1' platforms Ground row

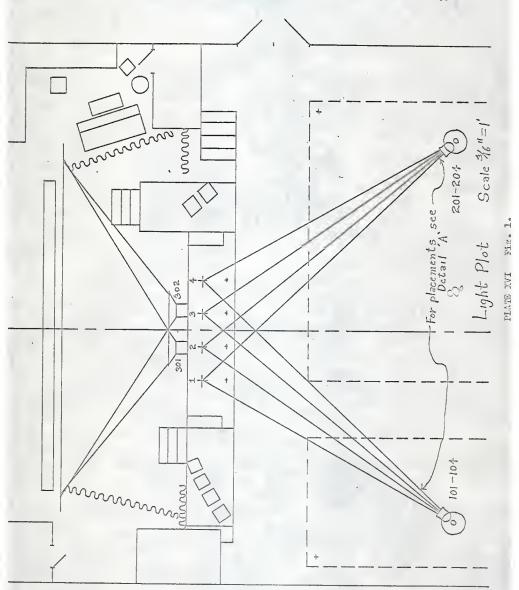
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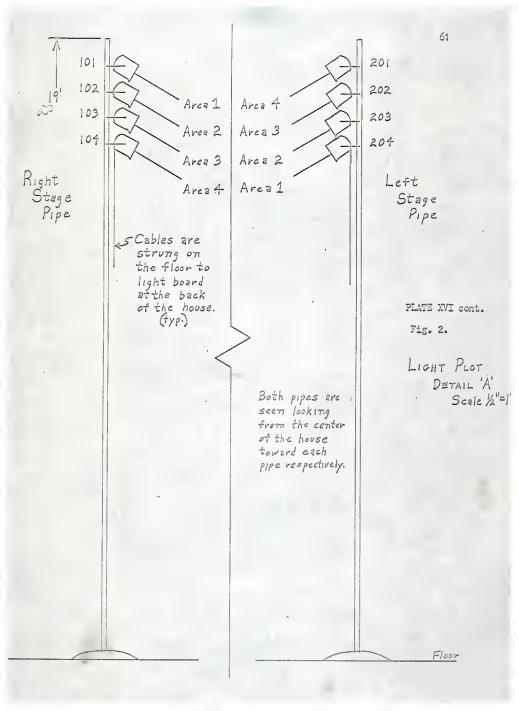


EXPLANATION OF PLATE XVI

Fig. 1. Light plot for the production.

Fig. 2. Dotail 'A' showing the position of instruments on the light pipes.





EXPLANATION OF PLATE XVII

Lighting instrument schedule for the production.

PLATE XVII

| 0 | T. | 1 | | | 1 | 7: | | | 1 | | - |
|---|---|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------|------|-----|-----|----------------------------|-----|
| Williams Aud., Feb. 18-20 | Comments | Tophat | 11 | " | " | . 11 | . 11 | 11 | 11 | quartz lamp | " |
| Williams | | 204 | 203 | 202 | 201 | 104 | 103 | 102 | 101 | - | |
| RISES | Dimmer No. | | N | w | 4 | 4 | w | N | ~ | 70 | 9 |
| WINDF | Area | 7 | N | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | N | 7 | Projection Screen | 11 |
| AWEST | Gel Color | 500W Light Straw Rosco #205 | 11 | 11 | == | Sp. Lavender Rosco#242 | = | " | И | Slides | 11 |
| dule- | Wattage | 500 W | 11 |)(| 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 1000 W | 11 |
| Instrument Schedule - A West Wind RISES | No. Location Instrument Wattage Gel Color Covered | Stage right 6" Fresnel | 11 | // | 11 | " | // | " | 2 | Linnebach 1000 W | 11 |
| nstrumer. | Location | Stage right PIPE | = | 11 | * | Stage left pipe | 11 | 11 | 11 | 301 Stage center Linnebach | 11 |
| T | No. | 101 | 102 | 103 | 104 | 201 | 202 | 203 | 204 | 301 | 302 |

EXPLANATION OF PLATE XVIII

Lighting cue sheet for the production.

PLATE XVIII

Light Cue Sheet - A.West Wind Rises

| Cue No. | | Description and level | | | | |
|---------|---------------|-----------------------|----|--|-----|--|
| 1 | | House lights ∜ | 0 | | 15 | |
| 2 | | Dimmer 5 1 | 10 | | 15 | |
| 3 | , | Dimmer 1 1 | 9 | | 5 | |
| 24 | | Dimmer 2 个 | 10 | | 5 | |
| 5 | · | Dimmer 3 ^ | 10 | | 5 | |
| 6 | | Dimmer 4 1 | 10 | | 5 | |
| 7 | | — Dimmers 1-4 ↓ | 0 | | 3 | |
| | 2 | Dimmer 5 V | 0 | | | |
| | Consecutive | Dimmer 6 A | 10 | | 10 | |
| | 1 | — Dimmer 4 个 | 10 | | 4 | |
| 8 | | Dimmer 3 1 | 10 | | . 5 | |
| 9 | | Dimmer 2 1 | 10 | | 5 | |
| 10 | | Dimmer 1 1 | 9 | | 5 | |
| . 11 | | Dimmers 1-4 V | 0 | | 3 | |
| | Constitution | Dimmer 6 | 0 | | | |
| | Consecutive | Dimmer 5 A | 10 | | 10 | |
| | | — Dimmer 2 ↑ | 10 | | 14 | |
| 12 | • | Dimmers 3 & 4 个 | 10 | | 5 | |
| 13 | | Dimmer 1 A | 9 | | 5 | |
| 14 | | - Dimmers 1-4 ↓ | 0 | | 3 | |
| | Consecutive - | Dimmer 5 V | 0 | | 40 | |
| | COURSCRIPTAG | Dimmer 6 A | 10 | | 10 | |
| | | _ Dimmer 3 个 | 10 | | 4 | |

PLATE XVIII cont.

| Cue No. | | Description and level | Count |
|---------|-------------|--------------------------|-------|
| 15 | | Dimmer 2 10 | . 5 |
| 16 | | Dimmer 1 1 9 | 5 |
| 17 | | Dimmer 1 √ 0 | 3 |
| 18 | | Dimmers 2 & 3 \$\dim 0\$ | 3 |
| | Consecutive | Dimmer 6 \$\forall 0 | |
| | consecutive | Dimmer 5 A 10 | 10 |
| | | Dimmer 3 / 10 | 6 |
| 19 | | Dimmer 2 10 | 5 |
| 20 | | Dimmer 1 1 1 9 | 5 |
| 21 | | Dimmer 4 个 10 | 5 |
| 22 | | Dimmers 1-4 √ 0 | 3 |
| | Consecutive | Dimmer 5 \$\sqrt{0}\$ | |
| | Consecutive | Dimmer 6 A 18 | 10 |
| | | Dimmer 3 10 | 4 |
| 23 | | Dimmer 2 10 | 5 |
| 24 | | — Dimmers 2 & 3 √ 0 | 3 |
| | 0 | Dimmer 6 V 0 | |
| | Consecutive | Dimmer 5 个 10 | 10 |
| | | —Dimmer 3 ↑ 10 | 4 |
| 25 | | Dimmor 2 1 10 | . 5 |
| 26 | | Dimmer 1 1 9 | 5 |
| 27 | | Dimmer 4 10 | 5 |
| 28 | . [| Dimmers 1-4 Ý O | 3 |
| | Consolition | Dimmer 5 V o | |
| | Consecutive | Dimmer 6 10 | 10 |
| | | Dimmer 3 个10 | 4 |

PLATE XVIII cont.

| Cue No. | | Description an | ıd l | evel | Count |
|---------|-------------|----------------|------|------|-------|
| 29 | | Dimmer 4 | 个 | 10 | 5 |
| 30 | | Dimmer 1 | 1 | 9 | 5 |
| 31 | | Dimmer 2 | 1 | 10 | 5 |
| 32 | | Dimmers 1-4 | ∜ | 0 | 3 |
| | | Dimmer 6 | | 0 | |
| | Consecutive | Dimmer 5 | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| | | Dimmer 2 | 1 | 10 | 4 |
| 33 | | Dimmer 3 | 1 | .10 | 5 |
| 34 | | · Dimmer 4 | 1 | 10 | 5 |
| 35 | | Dimmer 1 | 1 | 9 | 5 |
| 36 | | Dimmers 1-4 | V | 0 | 3 |
| | 0 | - Dimmers 1-4 | 1 | 10 | 2 |
| | Consecutive | — Dimmers 1-4 | V | 0 | 2 |
| | | House lights | 1 | 10 | 5 |

EXPLANATION OF PLATE XIX

Rehearsal schedule.

A WEST WIND RISES

Rehearmal Schedule (All rehearsals will be held in the Purple Masque Theatre)

Dec. 14, Monday - 7:00 pm, Entire Cast (first read-through)

Dec. 15, Tuesday - 3:00 pm, Women

Doe. 16, Wednesday - 7:00 pm, Men

Christmas Vacation

Jan. 4, Monday - 7:00 pm, Entire Cast

Jan. 5. Tuesday - 3:00 pm. Women

Jan. 6, Wednesday - 7:00 pm. Men

Jan. 7. Thursday - 3:00 pm, Women

Jan. 8, Friday - 7:00 pm, Men

Jan. 11, Monday - 7:00 pm, Men (start rehearsal music)

Jan. 12, Tuesday - 3:00 pm, Women (with music)

Jan. 13, Wednesday - 7:00 pm, Men (with musie)

Jan. 14, Thursday - 3:00 pm, Women

Jan. 15. Friday - 7:00 pm, Entire Cast (with music)

Feb. 7 - 12, times arranged to fit new schedules, Entire Cast (with music)

Feb. 14, Sunday - 7:00 pm, Entire Cast (tech. rehearsal)

Feb. 15, Monday - 7:00 pm, Entire Cast (dress rehearsal)

Feb. 16, Tuesday - 7:00 pm, Entire Cast (dress rehearsal)

Feb. 17, Wednesday, 7:00 pm, Entire Cast (dress rehearcal)

Feb. 18, 19, and 20, Production! (call - 6:30 pm)

EXPLANATION OF PLATE XX A copy of the program.

THE K STATE PLAYERS and THE DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH

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present

A WEST WIND RISES

A Narrative Poem by Bruce Cutler

A Thesis Production by Clayton Hawes

With Music by Joshua Missal

WILLIAMS AUDITORIUM

Produced in Cooperation with The University of Nebraska Press

Att State State

February 18, 19, 20, 1965 8:00 p.m.

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A WEST WIND RISES

CAST(in order of speaking)

William Kammer

Larry Hovey

Chuck Boles

Boyd Masten

Nancy Stone

Jamie Aiken

PRODUCTION STAFF

Stage Manager...Mary Lynn White Pianist.....Janice Hicks Drummer....Bernie Cohen Lighting Head...Robert Hossfeld

Assistants.....Glenda Apt, Michele Clark Joyce Back

Costumes.....Cast

Makeup.....Glenda Apt and Cast

Business Manager. David Sadkin Betty Cary

House Manager....Peg Tanner

Ushers......Kathy Hawes, Elaine Huff Edna Becker

Publicity......Meredith Moore, Head; Mary Lynn White, Glenda Apt

THE POEM

Part I....Dispatch to the New York Tribune

Part II...James Montgomery Builds His House in Kansas

Part III.. The Meeting at Jackson's Store

Part IV. . . Miriam Nickell's Letter To Her Mother

Part V....Statement by the Reverend Mr. B. L. Read

Part VI... The Marriage of Lily Stillwell

Part VIII. The Massacre

Part IX... The Hanging of William Griffith

EXPLANATION OF PLATE XXI

- Fig. 1. A review of the production that appeared in the campus newspaper, Kansas State Collegian, on Thursday, Feb. 18, 1965.
- Fig. 2. A review of the production written by Professor Earl Davis,
 Head of the English Department at Kansas State University,
 and published in The Manhattan Mercury on Friday, Feb. 19, 1965.
- Fig. 3. An artical printed in the Collegian on Thursday, Feb. 18, 1965.

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West Wind Exciting-Eickelberg

By Karen Eickelberg English Graduate Student

"A West Wind Rises" and breathes across a rolling and massacre that melted in the etching of this Free , a narrative poem by Bruce Cutler, is being present, whispers of men, truth, and lives that answered for truth. A saga of Kansas fiery with the faith, blood, s a staged reading this weekend by the Kansas State ers.

Episodes in the tale of the "Marais des Cygnes Mas" are unfolded by six readers posted stark against a doscoping panorama of Kansas sky. The vocal perlities seem chosen to weave effective contrast to one her. William Kaumner's commentator quality that sifies to a crackling rage frequently lacks feeling provides contrast for Larry Hovey's sensitive and ful (sometimes too forceful) interpretation. Chuck s' explosive power is often tempered by Boyd Masten's er intensity.

The two female members of the east, Nancy Stone and e Aiken, lend a startling and perhaps cobering genss to the portrait of general gore and violence. Even een two soft femine voices there is variety in the timess of Miss Aiken next to the penetrating delicacy lss Stone.

Mighest honors must go to Miss Stone for a subtle moving interpretation. The contrasts are skillfully cod againt one another by director Clayton Hawes in fort that prevents any single personality from being lighted and renders each but a various part of the e saga.

A single character's lines are not all delivered by one in but are divided between two or more readers. Thus, ader becomes identified with a particular character e narrative, and the six readers seem joined in a e effort to portray the various events.

Congratulations must be extended behind the scenes nice Hicks, pianist, and Bernie Cohen, drummer, for effective juterpretation of the background music.

The sometimes bright, sometimes haunting, often thrilling score was written as accompaniment for the poem by Joshua Missal of Wichita State University. The poet, Bruce Cutler, received his Master's degree in English at K-State in 1957 and is an assistant professor of English at Wichita State University.

Clayton Hawes, director, has worked with new materials for projected scenery to develop the imposing expanse of glowing sky that provides a changing backdrop for the production. "A West Wind Rises" is a thesis production for Hawes, one of a group of such lively and valuable contributions to dramatic art on our campus in the last few years.

The whole of the production presents K-State audiences with an impassioned presentation of blood and thunder folklore grounded solidly in historical truth. The rough-hewn poetry of Cutler cuts the etory of the ride of Misouri slave owners and sympathizers to round up and massacre Kausas Free Staters out of ragged flesh and prairie sod.

The first section of "A West Wind Rises" is "Dispatch to the New York Tribune" and closes with a call to all citizens who stand for freedom.

We know, if ever we were ignorant, this is a visage of that system known as slave, honest and undissimulate. Reader: a teritory large enough to be a kingdom lies within its grasp, the prairies, hills, rivere slowly blackening under the shackles dragged by Africans! Ride with us, that the seeds of freedom grow to trunk and taproot from these ashes! Proclaim in words broadcast to the living wind: red oaks of justice root in Kansas soil!

As well as providing a blazing reminder of the idealism and heroism of a day when the name of Kansas meant a bome to love and an ideal to fight for, the presentation may spur those who would be Free Statere in a day when stands are less clear, but crimes are full as merciless.

Praises Kansas State Play

Kansas bleeds and dies again tho atmospheric accompani than the poetic accomplishment usly produced by the K-State ayers at Williams Auditor-

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arais des Cygnes massacre, Hawes, and much of the suc- the audience gains in the end, uce Cutler's brilliant poetic cess of the performance goes to Cutler's fine poetry can be read construction which is ambi- his eredit. and enjoyed away from the The author, Bruce Cubler, was present for the first performance and expressed praise and pleasure in the K-State produced. The many discussion of the first performance and expressed praise and ed and died "to make men the control of the first produced and died "to make men the first produced the result of the first performance and expressed praise and the first performance and the fi

> may also be interested in the The K-State Players have em- production of one of our finest

PLATE XXI cont.

Fig. 2.

Reading's Author To Attend Opening Performance Tonight

Bruce Cutler, author of "A West Wind Rises," will attend the K-State Players' opening night performance at \$ tonight of his narrative poem.

THE production is tonight, Friday and Saturday in Williams auditorlum.

Cutler said in the foreword to the reading that he dld not intend to tell only the historical sequenco of the Marias des Cygnes Massaero of 1858, but be wanted to "carry the narrative beyond the hard skeleton of fact into the vulnerable tissue of probability."

CUTLER, a former English professor here is now assistant" professor of English at Wichita . State University. He plans to leavo soon for Paragnay, where he will ho studying under a Ful-· bright scholarship.

Cutler's poem is the first production of the readers' theater, "The purpose of the theater is to

Clayton Hawes, SP Gr and dlrector of the reading, said. -

HAWES is in complete charge of the production, including scenery, costumes, lighting and actors. 'He is directing the reading as partial fulfiliment to his Master of Arts degree.

Scenery will be mainly skies and the actors will wear semiformal dress. The play is divided into nine parts, each requiring a different lighting effect.

For the reading, Hawes has designed a new type of the Leinnehach projector, a lighting device for projecting scenery.

PLATE XXI cont.

Fig. 3.

EXPLANATION OF PLATE XXII

A budget analysis for the production.

PLATE XXII

Production Budget

Expenditures:

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| | Poster board | \$9.34 |
|------|--|--------------------|
| | Ticket printing | 11.38 |
| | Program paper | 3.87 |
| | Muslin (Drop) | 11.40 |
| | Paint | 16.00 |
| | Music rental | 25.00 |
| | Piano rental | 30.00 |
| | Scripts | 14.40 |
| | Notebooks and supplie | s 6.89 |
| ١ | Physical plant Moving of piano Moving of sets Connecting light | 43.94 cable |
| | Inks | 23.85 |
| Prof | its: | |
| | Ticket sale returns | \$109.00 |
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| | Expenditures Profits | \$166.07 109.00 |

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EXPLANATION OF PLATE XXIII

Pictures of the production.



A WEST WIND RISES—Jamie Aiken, SED So, left, and Nancy Stone, SED Jr, two of the readers for "A West Wind Rises," rehearse their lines. The narrative poem by Bruce Cutler will be produced by the K-State Players tonight, Friday and Saturday in Williams auditorium. Cutler will attend opening night performance.









APPENDIX B

Prompt Script

Prompt Script Key:

I. Readers' notations:

- A. The Arabic numbers on the left of the script are the numbers of the readers speaking. The respective reader for each of these numbers is listed below:
 - 1 Bill Kammer 3 Boyd Masten 5 Nancy Stone 2 - Larry Hovey 4 - Chuck Bolcs 6 - Jamie Aiken
- B. Parts in brackets within paragraphs are readers who join the one originally reading the paragraph.

II. Sound notations:

- A. One numbers are always on the right of the script with the word "sound" preceding them.
- B. Ques are renumbered from 1 for each part of the poem. This was done because the original score was so numbered, and the composer would not allow changes to be marked on that score.
- C. Music cues are also in the form of notations, such as "overture,"

 "begin fade." or "interlude."

III. Light cues:

- A. Oue numbers are always on the right of the script with the word "lights" preceding them.
- B. All light cues are numbered consecutively through the entire script.
- IV. Deleted portions of the script have one horizontal line drawn through the words to be left out.

I

DISPATCH TO THE NEW YORK TRIBUNE

WARN Readers
Lights 1-2-3

Sound Overture-1

Trading Post, Kansas Territory
May 20, 1858i

The shortest route to Trading Post lay down in bottom ground where oak-roots weined the banks

and soft alluvium of swelling streams;
then rose through sinuous stands of sycamore,
through bursting crimson maple-blossoms
and hillside altitudes of wild apple
flowering in prodigal disuse. How Spring
had whet that air to sweetness! I traveled
armed, in company with Free State men who said
they rode to join Montgomery's guerrillas.
Closemouthed, civil, each seemed to manifest
his own dissimulation of intent,
but it was evident they'd settle up
the audit of a massacre in blood.

Descending to the ford, our horses slowed and walked pastern-deep in gumbo along

the broad meanders of Marais des Cygnes.

She ran chocolate with mud that day. And deep.

To South, a rapids shoaled with limbs and roots

pushed whitecaps in the tide

as though the Cheyenne chief and his beloved

Nanonie played below,

surfaced as swans, or slowly spread their wings

to soar into the warm and depthless hemisphere

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LIGHTS 4

We had to drive our horses hard across.

above.

End Sound 1

Sound 2

Z-Trading Post was half a mile beyond.

The sod and log-roofed buildings lay out low and ruinous. So desolate the scene, at first I failed to note new signs of violence. Horses filled the lean-to's; guerrillas camped about the trading shack. Entering, I discerned a plank table, a lighted by tallow, crowded all about with visages that bore the Massachusetts stamp, their eyes as clear as quartz is blue, their beards untrimmed, it seemed, since Cincinnati.

One man beckoned, wiped a dish, and bade me eat.

WARN Lights 5 WARN Sound 3 His name was Eli Snyder. His hands as large as hams were grizzled over, backs and palms: blacksmith by trade, he was a Free State man. Journalist, he said, the men of Trading Post Peace men. Three years before, a certain Charles came after him and helped construct a house

Softspoken eloquence, memory for names

more fortified than most.

Hamelton arrived from Georgia: his kin

were Free Soil in politics; primitive in character; inoffensive, in truth,

Lights 5

made Hamelton a justice of the peace.

Freemen forgot he owned a dozen slaves.

End Sound 2

Sound 3

3-By 1857, Emigrant Aid

had sent out steamboats full of Free State men and James Montgomery rode the borders East: as prospects of enslaving Kansas fell the viper skin of Hamelton's deceit peeled with his political power. Then the man and border ruffian stood revealed in true deformity.

WARN Sound WARN Lights 6 His house became a fort and palisades.

The Judas band-Brockett, Hubbard, and all manner of Missouri men-took rein, burning, stealing, beating Free State men-

Lights 6

lighting down at night, long gone with the dawn

Missouri-bound across the water.

End Sound 3

Sound Interlude - 4

4-It is impossible to explain what hope or desperation pricked the stallion flanks of Hamelton's desires. He issued threats against the lives of travelers; he compiled lists of Free State men he marked for capture and summary dispatch. Called <u>Captain</u> now, hinting he led five score irregulars, he commandeered horses from the settlements all along Marais des Cygnes. By Spring of 1858, good Free State men properties up, and ringed his cedar palisades with blazing pitch and steel of Sharps' rifles, ordering him to leave forthwith. He did.

And rode six miles to Jackson's store, Missouri. There, on 18 May, he met his men.

3-Are you for blood? he asked. They were. Then

with me tomorrow down Marais des Cygnes.
We'll settle with those bastards once for all.

Twenty-five agreed to strike the blow for blood on Trading Post that day, when May breezes played in the sycamores and caks.

1-At nine o'clock on 19 May, the men
of Trading Post harrowed their furrows, felled
cedars, adzed a ridge-pole out of oak.
Clouds of dust arose from cattle droves.
Sun was opening the vaults of God's green
treasury, soft-yielding to the nipping hoe.
Women washed. A smell of smoke
and lye-soap shouldered among the trees
like sweet-armed incense, and children planted
peas.

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A pilgrim village, washing out its hair one May morning, well might move a murderer to mind the voice of natural compassion. But Hamelton did not. As dark as winds that whip the arms of mountain pines, his raiders swept around Spy Mound. As sleep relaxed a baby's hand cupped to the image of its mother's breast, they

burst

End Sound .

out of the timber, deadly as the Sioux.

Sound 5

2-Some gripped pistols. Others drew two-edged border knives. They pulled young Johnny Campbell

and G.B. Andrews from the store; then
they toppled shelves. They sacked the calicoes
and bolts of crinoline, stuffed them inside
buffalo robes. Boots and shoes and cash,
such as it was, they split. The one named Hubbard

swore the settlers owed him high and wide,
their <u>lives</u> and <u>wives</u>, and searched for whiskey.
His mad

commander, meanwhile, ferreted the men
out of the fields and mill for hostages.

A William Stillwell happened upon the scene:
his buckboard became
the plunder wagon, and he a prisoner.

The settlers—pressed by horsemen, knocked down
and jeered—

were driven from their town. A missionary crossed their trail; he too was seized and driven. The black-boot Herod marked eleven mem for sacrifice, then went himself to take the blacksmith Snyder, who threw him out and shotgumed him. Raging with this defeat,

Hamelton drove his victims along
a grass ravine, lined them up five yards away,
and turned his guns upon them. The south wind
swept

along that smooth declivity; cotton woods soughed in the wind. The men who were condemned

stood bareheaded and unarmed upon the slope, backs to the naked prairie that rose a grassland roadway to the Otherwhere.

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End Sound 5
Sound 6

4-No one asked for mercy. A Free State man said, Gentlemen, if you intend to shoot then take good aim. One of the ruffians broke away from line, but Hamelton swore him back. The sense of triumph possessed, climbed

as visibly upon his face as blood:

he raised his Colt, ordering his men to fire.

With the fall of firing pins, the charges blown,
ball and buckshot irrevocably dispatched,
the bodies fell awkwardly, spilling back,
pitching across the sod
boot to boot, arm to temple, slowly sinking
their stiffening fingers in the buffalo grass.

Hamelton said, Be sure they all are dead.

End Sound 6

3-His men did not respond. A moment passed.

Tentative, a few dismounted and approached the bodies. Stillwell lay face up, his breast a sponge, killed by a double-barrel blast of rodded pistol balls. He's dead, said one. Then they began to kick the bodies, roll them, searching for signs of life. When one victim groaned, it was Hamelton who placed his warm revolver to that ear and fired, remarking as he did he'd always found shots like that the surest he could make. His men observed, but sickened inwardly. They quickly stripped the bodies of their rings and mounted. Working with haste, they overlooked

WARN Sound 7

what Free State men were still alive. Hamelton's irregulars seemed to have had their fill of back-shooting. In desultory file they rode out of the long ravine, wending down a rusty watercourse to the shade of trees.

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1-Now I have seen the dead and consoled the few survivors, I impatiently await the imminent arrival of Montgomery before we cross in force to open up that abscess called <u>Missouri</u> for the murderers. Meanwhile, the women slowly search the fields for oxen standing, waiting with their plows; they unknot the rawhide, lift off the yokes, and bring them slowly home. Women ride in ox-carts to the mouth of that ravine where Stillwell's wagon stands, his grocery sacks empty on the dashboard. From there, they walk in shadows. Something tainted, sweet, begins to infiltrate the air. The children weep, not knowing why, and help to quench with tears the venom of the curses that you hear voiced by these guerrillas, waiting, waiting.

We all wait. But it will not be for long.

End Sound 7

We know, if ever we were ignorant;

this is the visage of that system known
as slave, honest and undissimulate.

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WARN Sound Postlude - II, 1,

Reader: a territory large enough
to be a kingdom lies within its grasp,
the prairies, hills, rivers slowly blackening

under the shackles dragged by Africans!

Ride with us. that the seeds of freedom grow

to trunk and taproot from these ashes! Proclaim
in words broadcast to the living wind:

red oaks of justice root in Kansas soil!

Sound Postlude - II, 1

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JAMES MONTGOMERY BUILDS HIS HOUSE IN KANSAS

1854 - 1858

4-Montgomery of Kentucky's Licking River
farmed his father's land and Mastered school.

Then, at thirty-nine, his inner ear
discerned a Leading voice: thereupon, he felled
a linden, dug it out, perched his wife
and sons precarious as owls inside
and set his course for Westport Landing.
A thousand river miles wound bobbinlike
away from weathered wharves and steamboat
bends

westward to the Missouri and the Kaw.

Poling in streams as muddy as catarrh

he cheered them singing On our Kansas Claim.

called it Canaan of this latter day

where free men bore their witness to the Truth:

At Westport, he laid in their provisions, bartered for a wagon and a span of mules, then cut his way cross-country to the Cygnes. At water's edge, the grass grew horse-high rank;

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Sound 2a

on hills, waist-high to a man. II,1 Prairie chickens gathered into autumn flocks acres across, wild hops raised canopies that covered walnut groves. Lights and bees shuttled in flyways through the dells. Five miles west of Sugar Mound, he laid his claim. End Sound Sound 2 3-Montgomery was a man who always seemed to have a word working in his jaws: here, his first was thankfulness: his second, work, Through fall, he dressed and chinked their cabin WARN Lights 9 dry. WARN Sound 2a Clarinda and the boys bloomed around the hearth where beans and coffee boiled and workshoes warmed. He let his beard grow black and ragged, but as every neighbor came to know, his shirts were starched as if for school. ___ Sundays at Sugar Mound he led their prayers Lights reading in a deep and evenhanded voice the King James Jeremiad of Free Soil. End Sound 2

2-By fall of 1856. Missourians

made their play. Suddenly the name of Clarke's

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Raiders cracked across the plains like dry
lightning, and Kansas rocked
limestone-deep in the thunder of their hooves.

At Linnville, they forced
seven fevered Free State men to drink
and empty every bottle in their cabins,
beat them senseless with their rifle butts,
and raped their wives. Then they swarmed to
Sugar Mound.

At gunpoint, they made Montgomery watch his cabin burn, and jeered The safest place for Abolitionists is North.

End Sound 2a

In morning light the Raiders' hoofpoints showed out southward black as bullwhip stripes, each testament to slavery's ultimate reason.

Montgomery for the first time felt that stir of righteous wrath that burns away the shell of reticence and makes men act. Violence would answer violence,

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WARN Sound 4

clandestine and quick. That night, sixteen men gathered where Montgomery's house had stood.

Ankle-deep in ashes, they joined hands and swore to bring in other Free State families, then pledged their lives and fortunes to each other—

that three rifle shots would bring them armed

Lights 10

to ride under Montgomery, night or day.

Sound 4

1-Since posses of slaveowning men patrolled the Fort Scott road, the Brotherhood rode deep in timber to a meeting place.

There, James Montgomery laid out plans to build a kind of house more suited to our needs and climate. Daily, armed parties went down to the water, cutting oak and walnut.

Eight-foot logs were hewed, a center section contoured out in each, and tenons cut at either end. Each log was numbered, then covered with brush. Next Montgomery chose his site

high on a hillside. There they laid a stone
foundation topped by logs mortised to fit
the numbered temons. On March the twelfth,
at dawn, his men assembled all the timbers,
stood them up on end, bored
augur holes, and drove mortise and temons tight
with oaken pins. Mortised logs received the top
temons, and puncheon doors were hinged. In a day
of quick and elever work, Fort Montgomery rose
strong as Solomon's temple on its hill.

Above log scallops and rifle ports walnut rafters carried a roof of shakes rived out of oak: from it, he perceived the land at last was his.

Justice was next. Montgomery took the guise of travelling Master, rode in into Missouri, and when he found that Clarke had not returned he took a school and nights neighbored from hearth to hearth, working out the Raiders' names. Two weeks hence he rode

hard home.

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raised his company, and led

them into secret camp. Two of his men

he dressed as Indians: his enemies supposed

Miami bands nearby and sent out word

to Clarke. His men came singly or in pairs

only to make rendezvous with Kansas men

who jumped them, took their money, guns, and

mounts.

and brought reparations back to Sugar Mound.

End Sound 4

And settlers said. One month with Montgomery gave us back our claims and dignity.

Sound 5

For that year and the next, there was peace. Governor Geary chose to ignore the claims and counterclaims, said they were merely sparks out of the statehood bellows but sent a man he called a Marshal down to Sugar Mound. warning them against lawless reprisals. Montgomery threw him out. Slowly, he had come to see that those who wanted Kansas slave were Whig as well as Democrat: they knew no politics but strength. Then a territorial court was called in Bourbon County, and furies named to scrutinize the claims along the Cygnes. Beneath a Fort Scott poplar tree, that court rescinded Free State claims in summonses scrawled B. Whacker. A year of armed defense had cost Montgomery his crop; he found his family larderless in winter, and now, ordered off their land. He called his men to take the step that destiny made absolute: summoning themselves. they formed a Free State County Court, confirmed their right to titles, claims, and deeds, and then addressed the Territory: Truth cannot be bought, burned, or terrorized:

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End Sound 5

Sound 6

Send your Marshal-better, send us Clarke.

Kansas will be free-we are the living proof.

5-Adversity had made Montgomery hard.

Inside his fort, Clarinda found her life was pinioned to the fire-food for sixteen men on Mondays; Tuesdays, husband gone and cows staked in the pasture, waiting to be milked; Wednesdays, walking down the hillside, knowing where

a hummock-hidden ambush lay: Thursdays, waiting for her husband trapped in tall grass without, and calling in the cows and dropping there the food she hid under her skirts; Friday nights, when he at last lay sleeping on the pallet, her hand clasped in his own, how a sniper's bullet smashed against a rafter and fell like a penny on her pillow. That spring, one of the mules grew breachy, leaned down a fence, and went across the field to eat green corn. Johnny was sent to bring him back. The neighbor saw him with the mule and slapped his face. James came riding in, saw, and started with his gun to settle in his rage. She threw her arms around him, pulling him from his horse, pleading not to do the thing he ever would regret.

Only when the horse had dragged her ankles raw in thistles did he care to stop and turn, silent and withdrawn, for home.

He never went again, but mornings stepped to a scallop in the wall, sighted down four hundred feet along the valleyside and knocked a cloud of rockdust in the air. He rode more often, nights; when he returned, he rarely gave his reason or his where.

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End Sound'6

Sound 7

4-In 1858, Lecompton's fraud of Territorial elections made Montgomery order daily drill. They called themselves militia, and gave both bed and horse to Old John Brown of Osawotamie, long-sufferer of cause, who knew as well as anyone the murderous intent of slavers: knew that a vicar of the Lord could shoot an unarmed Free State man and smile to Bushwhacker applause. Better a whole generation die in violence, man. woman, and child, than uncross a t in Free State, he proclaimed. In March, a band of Raiders struck at Denton's, cutting the old man down with buckshot in his cabin door. His wife replied by throwing dippersful

of boiling water in their faces,
and one named Fort Scott Brockett shot her too.

The saber and the rifle, muttered Brown.

Montgomery agreed. A few dissented,
saying they believed the courts would someday
prove the Free State cause—but when Dred Scott
uncrossed another t, it was they who came
to call for Brown as Adjutant—came to love
the old man on his chestnut, in velvet-blue
slouch hat, crimson cape, and flowing foot-long
beard;

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and Montgomery, hard erect, in black, his bay as lithe as steel—called them both <u>hardriders</u>, the <u>Saul and Jonathan of latter day</u>.

End Sound 7 Sound Postlude

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III

THE MEETING AT JACKSON'S STORE

Bates County, Missouri May 18, 1858

2-They come from Syracuse and Terre Haute.

Riding West, they leave cracker boxes and glass
about, but when they go back East, all
they leave is rabbit hair and fieldlark feathers.

You all have seen them when they lay blue-lipped
and torpid in the cold, twenty below;

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that spring, so weak they couldn't stand, they crawled

to eat the grass and berries on their hands
and knees, vomit and eat, until their legs
would hold them up. That is what I mean.
What do they sow? Their oats, their corn, their
millet,

to burn and blast in southwest winds. They don't care.

They seek no home or comfort on our land.

The hills are sacrifice, and rivers, creed.

Sound III

And Denton was the worst. Hardhanded, wet with sweat, he drove his mules like horses, drove

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his land as if it owed him debt, and called
the cold of '55 and three months dry
of summer '57
recompense for wicked, blackheeled slaving men.
Hamelton, maybe you
could take as much, but when I so for mail,
and Denton stands there, guns my way, and says
Send your letters down through hell, I'll gun him
back.

I say Kansas is not for such as him:

we stand like on a shore where big-boled trees
enfold the waterholes and lines of brush
hold up the sky, but on beyond, the surf
is shorteyed grass and spikey cactus, hills
give way to mounds and hummocks, and the
brown

buffalo spill like shadows of a thundercloud.

Last December, we contrived to hunt

those herds that straggled down to Walnut Creek:

even James Montgomery came,

Colpetzer. Snyder and the rest, to shoot

a winterful of meat and blanket skins.

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Denton and that hangdog missionary Read

rode away to Westport, on church affairs,
and you and I were countryboy enough
not to mind their reason.

They loaded in their crates marked bibles
and when they got them here
what they loaded out was rifles—Christian Sharps'
repeaters. Then I knew the jack was down:

Denton played the card, and there was only one
a man could play to it. It was a fight,
pick it now or later.

He knew as well as me it had to be.

We stood his cabin on the Little Osage.

Aaron Cordell behind the live cak.

Billy Griffith next the stovewood. I called.

Denton, there's a preaching going on at West Point. Lend a Scripture we can take.

One of the new ones you just got. Silence.

Then I heard the slink
a rifle barrel makes taken off the wall.

The door swung out. I'll blow you through, he said

and stepped around the jamb. My shot spun him

back

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and down. Then I heard what sounded like
a rush of wings around my head, and boiling
water in my face . . Aaron said she threw it
dipperfuls. I fired my second barrel blind.

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End Sound III

4-Brockett, paused, and ran his hatbrim through his hands.

Griffith, Hubbard, the Yealocks and Cordell, Charles Hamelton, the one named Hardin Sheek, leaned against the shelves, sat on their haunohes or on bags of beans. Jackson took his elbows

- 3 off the counter. Free Staters is trade for me.

 he said. That's the way I feel. Brockett looked
- around. It was a fight and it was fair.

 I don't incline to worry where they bought their beans. Hamelton laughed. Listen now to Scotty talking--Brockett, it was you declared your Grand Jury would fink the Free Staters out by August last. And now it's May! Out the windowpane, Brockett watched a cloud humping along the slope of Spy Mound.

3-I said this latitude

was not for corn, but hemp; not for towns, but gangs of Africans. Any fool can see. Once we didn't rather more than misplace

- a Free State mule to make them weary out.

 But ones like Denton cut their teeth on granite.
- 4-The cloud had disappeared and now the scrub stood silhouette against a shell of sky.

 Hamelton propped his boot against the wall.
- 3-Brockett, you know the steam
 sawmill they're building on the Cygnes?
 You know the valley's bought
 and platted? You know by who? A Senator,
 Bigler, from Pennsylvania. You know what for?
 The Great Missouri River-Fort Smith railroad.
- 4-He drove his heel against the boards, and flushed.
- 3-If Boston Henry Beecher

 sends them rifles on a riverboat. Let

 them lay just half a mile of track and by

 God Scott you'll see a cannon screwed aboard

 the first train out of Westport aimed to blow

 you and hemp and mules and niggers all to hell

 and never let a living Southern soul

 set foot that side of County Bates again.
- 4-Hamelton stood up. He leaned against the window, his beard gold as a god's

in sun that runs the vault of heaven. And that
is just the half: the other half is thisonce we had a choice: if Eli Snyder
went to Trading Post
to cast a vote to dispossess a man
of land and servants, we could cast a score
and go that night to flavor up his well
with spurge. Today, they're voting on the third
constitution in as many years.

WARN LIGHTS 13

They've run us out. They've run you Yealocks
out:

they've run out Scott; and my claim has a stake
they've pounded in the well-curb where their
trains

will ditch piss-water. Eli Snyder won't

be waiting long to write his Massachusetts

moneylenders for the cost our claims

will run in taxes, and when he does,

by God we won't have any dollar auctions.

4-Hardin Sheek looked up. His beard was grown

Lights 13

a scar from mouth to collarbone. We seen

the sword, that it was buried in our flesh,

he said. We seen firebrands James Montgomery

loosed

around

to burn Jim Wells's store at Willow Springs.

We heard his words: Let vengeance fall upon
both the guilty and the indifferent.

I've rode with Clarke. And now I want to say, someday soon we have to settle up, you and me and everybody here.

4-A flight of crows tumbled out of the trees
like pepper. When they had passed, Griffith spoke
quietly, and dealt his words like cards.

WARN Sound III

2-Montgomery's made a list. He keeps one sheet.

Brown has one, Eli Snyder has the third.

When Will Allen drilled with them. he saw
the names: mine is there, yours, Fort Scott's,

Cordell's,

all of us. It says: These were the Haleys
of trafficked flesh in Kansas. Now there is not
room sufficient to accommodate
both them and us. We are the majority:
we decree these men should gather traps,
and should they then return, they forfeit
both their chattels and their lives.

He says they even put a bounty

on us. Hamelton's breath caught sharp. He

Sound III

as Griffith finished. They put a what?

A bounty. Griffith said. Hamelton went

white: Turned out and dispossessed, and now to put a foot across a Federal line

they say they'll hunt us down. Let your oxen out
to tall grass pasture near that line, or go
for deer or buffalo, they'll hunt you down:
they'll hide in broken country with their Sharps
and let you walk two hundred yards inside
before their first shot drives you hard for cover—
the next shot before you, then one behind—
then they run you round in circles, till you stand
winded, your eyes half blind with alkali,
while Eli Snyder sets his sights along
your buttons . . . shot like a scrawny, spring coyote,
and then they kick you over, bellyup,
cut off your tail and hang it on their fence . . .

I say God damn it no! they won't do that

to me or you. He wheeled around, excited
almost hoarse: Listen, tomorrow sumup

I'm going to make an expedition south
along the Cygnes. If you men want to come,
then I say come. But I want no man here
at daybreak who is not hardriding. One
thing more: no man goes who'll not obey
my orders. I mean exactly that. I mean
those Free State bastards need attending to.

4-Hamelton turned and strode out through the
door.

III

The others watched him mount and ride off east: they stood, and did not move or speak until his horse was out of sight. Then the Yealocks left. saying, We'll be here tomorrow. Griffith left. WARN Sound Postlude-IV.1 Cordell. Hubbard rose and looked around: WARN LIGHTS 14 There's whiskey on the counter, Jackson said, while Brockett walked outside. Sheek untethered for him: You'll be here? Brockett nodded. Kansas is festered proud with Free State men, said Sheek, and we should put the lance to cautery and dig out the root. Snyder, I mean. Brockett said, There's a deal to hate in him. Then he mounted, and turned his horse toward West Point.

An angry man won't watch the ground, he thought.

His eyes are all ahead. Everything is there. what he hunts, its tracks and shadow. But he himself leaves tracks, casts a shadow. His hand, moving triggerward, is only one of two.

End Sound III Sound Postlude - II,1 Lights 14

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MIRIAM NICKELL'S LETTER TO HER MOTHER

5-Willie was restless in his crib. I sat next the window with my sewing—those days that Samuel served as judge in Free State Court I set aside for fancy work. The sun spilled warm across my hands, and I had just begun to work a twist of scarlet silk into the outlines of a rose, when two shadows on the road appeared; then two, and two until at last a score of riders reined around Spy Mound. I thought more buffalo? but they are prime in winter. Then I saw the two on foot, their hands behind: a man named Wing, who ran a sawmill on the Cygnes, and Johnny Campbell, his shirt bloody and torn.

WARN Sound 2

I can't express the depths of fear I felt, nor how the column, slowing, palled in dust, held me helpless. We had lived through Clarke, watched him burn our house, watched his raiders

off our chickens' legs
and write Abol across the ocop in blood.

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But this was daylight: TV,1 Charles Hamelton rode first, and their gait was not of raiders or of fugitives. End Sound 1 but of an army come to strike us down. Sound 2 I couldn't move. I thought how fust five months before, all of us had gone to Walnut Creek, how Hamelton and James Montgomery's WARN Lights 15 men had organized the buffalo brigades. named common constables and sworn the rules. how they'd run the chase, turned the bulls and cows suddenly short and cut them down with fire. and how we women worked in pairs to cut the living hide from off the backbones, strip them, then cut off handles of flesh and run our knives a semicircle Lights round the humps, then the flanks, the ribs, the

6-Mother, we were far from our New England.
And we were hungry. You would have done

necks.

as we, and afterward, at creekside, the moon rushing through sheep-flock clouds-with blazing WARN Sound 3 fires. the smell of fresh-braised meatlike us you would have talked and sung and storied till the skies showed gray. And just at dawn, with our meat packed in, the oxen still shaking with the smell of blood, I felt so strange-not sad or unhappy. --exalted, yet foreboded, just as if it had been a kind of feast for for whom, for what, we never surely knew. End Sound 2 But this was daylight, and now I saw Lights the horsemen at my door. Hamelton walked in. Miriam. I want Sam. was all he said. His words were clear, but I could see his handsthe knuckles all were white. Charles, I said, he's gone. He drew his pistols. Two of his men WARN Sound 4 burst through the door, and one called Aaron Cordell then said, I'll look around. I hadn't moved. I slowly put my needle in my apron, and looked at Hamelton. You know his court's today, I said. But then he spoke as I had never heard before,

cursing me to my face. Another lie,
he kept repeating, damned Free State lie.

End Sound 3

Sound

He motioned, and his men began to search the cabin. First they cast the bolsters down and overturned the pallets. They seemed to want to walk their boots on what was clean, and all the curtainings that hid our clothes came down, and then the clothes. Then my wild-

plum

jams were smashed across the floor. I made a move to stop this man-style bullying; Hamelton raised his guns and said, Hold still. They burst the latches of our trunk and raised the top. Cordell upturned it on the floor and kicked our linems into the mess of glass and jam.

6-Mister Hamelton, I said, I think
you'd better tell your men that if they don't
restore my things and make immediate
amends, they'll have to reckon
with my husband. And his friends. His lip twitched
once.

His florid, strongjawed face was set so hard, yet for a minute, I believe he was afraid. But then he said, Mrs. Nickell, our reckoning is now. Once and for all.

With that he turned to one whose nose was hung among his features like a bell-clapper, whose eyes had unashamedly been fixed on me these minutes past,

and said, Matlock fetch a ladder and look
what's hidden in the loft.

Matlock thrust a finger in his nose
and looked around. Sam's not there, I said,
but if it will content you, there's a ladder
out behind. Matlock shuffled out of doors.

Suddenly, our clock
began to chime. Hamelton and Cordell
both whirled around, and then they saw it perched
along the loft-ledge. Nine times it struck,
and Willie cooed for all it pleasured him.

1 Brought it all the way from Massachusetts?

6-Hamelton asked. Yes, I answered, and then
I don't know why I said it, but it came:

5-For all your malice and abuse, we like
to run our lives as punctual as trains.
At that, they gave each other such a look--

half of surprise, half of a kind of red and angry intuition. Hamelton said,

1 I reckon that's the truth.

5-But all the while his anger mounted up.
You could see his lips were moving, yes,
they said, she's right. He grimaced, then fell
silent.

I wondered what had put him off that way. He was a man disposed to take offense, but he was not unkind; and hitherto had never closed himself behind his blinds to snipe at passersby, like others had. But I was not aware of what he thought. I was alone, with Willie, and now, afraid. Matlock brought the ladder in and stood it to the loft. Drag the old boy down by his britches, said Cordell, and laughed. Matlock started up. If you knew us well. I said, you'd know that Sam would never hide. Cordell screwed up the corners of his mouth and switched his chew. | All of them hide, he said, one time or another. I've pulled your Pat Devlin from a loft, and twenty more besides. Boots first or shirt tails out, when they come they come like ready apples off a tree. And all we have to do is shake the branch a little, bit, just a little bit.

o-What he intended was to frighten me; instead, with Matlock rustling up above amongst our venison and bags of beans, nice dried apples, patches, and crinkly canes of raspberries we used for tea, I thought You might have dragged your colored runaways to light that way, but not a freeborn man. The thought restored my calm, and so I stood as Matlock called, above, Captain Hamelton there ain't nobody here, but there's a side of venison looks pretty good to me. Hamelton put his pistols down. All right, he said; and then I thought, Thank God, they'll

WARN Sound 42

content themselves to steal.

now

Sound 4 a

5-We heard Matlock begin to slide the meat along the rafters; then his boot appeared along the ledge. He was on his belly, the meat clutched underneath him: he reached his boot to find the ladder. I recall Hamelton moved his head impatiently as Matlock toed the air, trying to find the rung. Suddenly, Matlock put his boot against the clock and pushed, then pushed again, and lazily it spilled over the ledge

and hung a moment, ticking; had I thought
of where it stood I would have thrown myself
beneath it. But I was still returning thanks
that they would only steal. And so it fell.
It whirred and cracked, and then the chimes
began

to clash, crashing over the crib in which
my Willie lay. There was a silence,
deathly still. I couldn't speak. I only saw
his little hand was flexing, underneath.

6-I ran and ripped the heavy clockworks off. the chimes and walnut case, the splintered rails. WARN Sound 46 His head was gashed, his eyes were open. and they were turned up white. I held him tight WARN Lichts against me, stanching up the flow of blood in fancy work. Murderers, I said, and then again, murderers, and then I shouted murderers, rocking my Willie, murderers. I screamed as loud as they could hear, and then again. Cordell suddenly leaped across the room and put his gun against my head saying, Howl damn you, howl! and so I screamed again. Hamelton lunged and took the gun Sound 4b away from my temple, and I stopped.

1 Matlock, get down, he said. I heard the man

descend and walk outside. Let's get on.

Cordell, said Hamelton, there's nothing here. WARN Sound X7X,1

She'll raise all hell, Cordell broke in. I think . . . Lichts 17

and then I didn't hear the rest, for Willie's
head was swollen so around the gash.

I dropped the cloth in water and pressed
it up against the swelling, kissing his cheeks
and eyelids. After a while, they left. Willie
cried and cried as I dressed his wound. I looked
outside. The dust was settling, and they were
gone.

End Sound 4

Later, as Willie slept, I sat down again.

The sun was blinding hot, and I thought of Of the water, gushing in stony streams of our

New England, how I parched for it, and I cried . . . Sound I-I,1

Lights 18

STATEMENT BY THE REVEREND MR. B. L. READ

3-Seek, and ye shall find. Seek, as we have found.

We reap an amber plenitude beside

the honey-humming dells--Marais des Cygnes, that
flows

broad-shouldered in her banks,
breaking in shoals
and rapids near the mounds crested with rockhickory, walnut, hazel and pecanplum, persimmon-throngs of antelope and deerEmpire in anarchy, waiting for hands
to shape it into barn and hayrick!
That May nineteenth, I was watching just
such hands as Pat Ross harnessed up a horse
for marking out a stand of corn. A smart
southwester tossed the poplar leaves on top
of Timbered Mound as Ross sank in the share.

We talked about a school, for raising two
years hence, and Pat then pointed out a stand
that we might log for siding and the floors.

It put to mind an Indian convert, old
and resolute, who watched
us cleave first furrow up on Mission ground.

WARN Sound 3

knuckle-deep in loam, fingering it. Then he stood and looked at us. Wrong side up

He knelt and thrust his hand

WARN Lights 19

he stood and looked at us. Wrong side us was all he said, before he walked away.

End Sound 2

Sound 3

That tickled Pat. He laughed, throwing the reins around his shoulders, leaning back to halt and more enjoy it. Featherheaded buck,

I never saw! We laughed, and as we did the timber near the water seemed to rise at us with echoes. His horse whickered once as if amused, and as we paused for breath to laugh again, there was another—not from the water, but behind.

And then I felt a touch of cool along my back. It wasn't wind.

Lights 19

I turned and saw

Hamelton topping the pass on Timbered Mound.

2-He heeled his sixteen hands of stallion down
the trail, followed by what looked to be a score
of riders, and three on foot. Read! he cried,
reining, drawing off his gauntlet gloves.

Reverty, now this I count

WARN Lichts 20

a happy accident. Who's your friend?

A Christian, I replied.

Hamelton smiled. He drew and cocked his Colt.

The others had surrounded us. I saw

Johnny Campbell, Andrews, and Wing, on foot

behind. Brockett! Hamelton called. The one

Lights 20

who ran the Southern Hotel

pulled his handsome bay around and looked at us.

End Sound 4

1-Denton's killer, whispered Pat, and then he spit.

Brockett looked at us with eyes that seemed
to limn some thought. Bible-runners both, he said.

Hamelton ordered us to fall in line.

He trimmed his aim: You won't will you? I said
we willingly would do anything right.

Where we're going, we'll need

a minister, he said. One of his men
whose neck was split with scar got down to free
Pat's horse and another, working on a chew,
said, That's a damned good horse there Sheek. I'd

tol-take

me a piece of that. Pat started for him, shouting, Thieving Bushwhackers! but Brockett interposed his bay. Stay, he said; Pat stayed.

Then William Stillwell happened atop the pass:
he braked his wagon, trying to turn, but soon
they brought him down. Young he was, and
dressed

in Quaker gray. Where the hell do you live? one demanded. Friend, at Sugar Mound he said. He looks like one of Jimmy's men another said, so Stillwell was put in line. One of the Raiders called for riding on to Fort Montgomery. No. said Hamelton. Bring up those older ones. Andrews and Wing came up, looked at us, then him. I reckon you would rather walk this wagon back than go with us. We've got younger scalps to fry. They got aboard as Sheek unhitched the team. Tha That left Johnny Campbell and the three of us. We marched along a wash and crossed a stream. Some of the Raiders said they hadn't ought to let the old men go but Hamelton cut them off: We had enough doggery back at Nickells. Besides, he said,

we've got railroad men and turncoats up ahead.

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WARN Lights 21

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4-I cried: Hamelton, the Lord hath said—

thee I make a terror to thyself and all

thy friends. He didn't seem to hear, but held

his florid, handsome head

erect. What parasite sucked at his thought?

The slavery laws? That cause

WARN Sound 7

was lost. Stealing horses? Montgomery's men?

If they were evening up, why not attack

the fort at Sugar Mound? . . . I could not fathom

them.

nor was I afraid: their desperation showed no doctrine. It was clear that we had cut the colter out of slavery once for all in Kansas. It gave me great confidence to sense that truth, feeling the firm Semitic muscle in our Master's tongue that made him prophesy For I have come not to bring you peace, but a sword. We had

with steel the Free State Kingdom of His Will.

carved

Sound 7

3-We headed East, only a mile from where
Missouri lay in wait. The sun rode high
and hot and seemed to draw our blood around
its element. Crasshoppers leaped against

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the horses' flanks. <u>Friend</u>, Stillwell whispered,
there's
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a hundred dollars in

my boot. Don't favor it. I saidr they'll not

perceive. He shook his head, To think my wife

had warned me. Young Campbell came up beside;

his shirt was bloodied. They didn't get the Sharps'

he whispered, just some robes. Sufficient then

unto this day the evil, I replied.

At Hall's they took old Amos from his bed

in fever, stood him in line, and Stillwell caught

his arm. We walked on East, slower, they

more wary as we cut across the grass

apron that fell from Hay Rick Mound. Ahead

lay William Colpetzer's claim. We could hear

his wife haranguing him to hide. Down!

I will not run! the Dutchman roared, so he was also taken. We struck off North.

[The vord is out. Colpetzer shook his fist.

2 and Copting Hommelton vill soon be dotching shot!

Hamelton laughed. You mean Montgomery's men?

They're gone. There's not an Abolitionist

for leagues; they're up at Sugar Mound. So let

your Jim Montgomery sleep, craving his fame,

without the guts a covote has to get it.

I wouldn't waste the shot on such as him.

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End Sound 7

Sound 8

1-There was a bluish serpentine of smoke rose from a cabin in a walnut copse with piled-stone walls before and either side. One of the Raiders spoke to Hamelton. Go get him, Griffith, Hamelton said. The other, small, with hob-heeled Texas boots. took a pair of men along. They dropped behind the wall as Griffith walked without a show of hesitation in the door. For one moment we only heard the wind skimmer the bunch grass, waiting for the shout or shot. Suddenly, two men walked outside, their hands above, still in plowing clothes. No one knew them. That was quick, said Hamelton. You're Hamelton? said one, angry. Hamelton nodded. Damn it. we don't even know Montgomery. This man here's a guest of mine . from Illinois. Hamelton asked his name. Charles Snider, the other said. Illinois! roared Hamelton. Damn Illinois! You're kin to Dutch Eli up at Priestly Mound and he's our game, by God he is! Hubbard, go and get their arms . . . And so we started off again. Dutch Eli? said the one, who's that? The other shook his head. Oh God.

he said, how was I to know that he

was looking for that name. And then the thought

struck out at me: Hamelton has a list.

He's not just raising hell, he has a list.

And there are other names than ours. And what

would be the end? And then I closed my eyes

a moment, breathing in; perhaps Hamelton

heard whispers from a Self we hadn't seen.

2-Amos Hall commenced to ask for drink. Hamelton, I said, you could at least give of a draught. Brockett pulled a flask out of his dickey bag. He threw it down to Hall and said, The rest of you can wait: get it in hell with Reverty. Then Sheek whispered to Hamelton; the Captain's face mottled with excitement. We began to walk, not aimless or tentative, but now as if a groove guided our steps. The next we took were William Hairgrove and his boy. Join the Brotherhood, said Hamelton, Hairgrove looked him over: Why? I know the way you vote, Hamelton said. Hairgrove kicked the dirt. The hell you do. I'll show you how, said Hamelton, you wait and soon by God you'll see . . A kind of stiff

precision took a hold of him . . . You'll see. WARN Sound 9-Postlude-A-T-T-1 he kept repeating. My boy ain't part of it, WARN LIGhts 22 said Hairgrove; leave him out. Hamelton cropped his horse and hissed, Nits grow into lice. Brockett tried to intervene, but Hamelton cut him off. The spawn goes with the stud, he said, and next is Snyder. They fell in line with us, silent, and we walked toward Priestly Mound. End Sound 8 Soon Sound 9 we heard the squeal of cart wheels, and a yoke of oxen hove over the slope. Austin Hall, half-blind with erysipelas, downed the mound and dropped into the waiting web. End Sound 9 Sound Postlude - II-II, LIGhts 22

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THE MARRIAGE OF LILY STILLWELL

5-Her kitchen is a moundslope, sinking down to sycamores on Sugar Creek; behind and either side rise prairie mounds as bald and smooth as muffins in a tin. She stoops before an open fire, trying to shield it with her bonnet. The southwest wind blows

hard

WARN LIGHTS 23

enough to lean against, and throws up
piffles of dust against the covered pan
she used to raise salt yeast. She has laid
a line of chips behind the oven, and built
up stones around to keep chips, coals and pan
from blowing off. The flames rear up. She casts
her bonnet down impatiently and squats,
her skirts ballooning, trying to damp the fire.

Lichts 23

6-Never a cloud today, never a mercy from the sun. Her kitchen-fancy teases: vague imaginings of drawers, the sharp report a stoveslot makes, the reaching out to grasp a cool and sweating handle of a pump. What Canaan land is this? she asks herself, feeling within

WARN bests 2

a surge of dark dimensions, then its ebb.

She banks the coals and glances at their ox,
horned, half-wild, tethered with a hawser.

End Sound 1

Sound 2

And thinks, The Territorial Road was best.

William, thee'd not abide my words but said
to save a league cross-country valued more
than any Kansas Marshal's ridealong.

and when thee set thy mind, nothing availed,
Peace and probity are principles
nor Friend nor Christian denies, but where is
peace

if probity must mean to gainsay me

a certainty of mind

by riding off to Westport all alone?

She turns and looks inside the water jug,
then hefts it on her hip and pours a cup.

5-Silence. It is a skirring, slinking kind of silence. At night, beneath the lean-to, she hears a sound she thinks is made by stars wheeling all bright and brittle overhead.

And just two months, she thinks.

Two months since stepping down the scrollwork iron

WARN Sound 3

platform from the car at Westport Landing. A

at Westport Landing. And William, still

in plaindress gray. Dear heart, my own delight.

He was thinner, and there was something brown and hard about him pitching her stagecoach trunk

behind the buckboard. Then

he swung her up the step and sat her down.

End Sound 2

WARN Sound

Sound 3

And they were married in a kitchen.

No Philadelphia Meetinghouse, he joked

but whose are truer vows than ours? He hired

a minister named Read, and bade two Friends

named James and Lucy Marshall presence too

and they had spread the sink and stovetop thick

with flowers. How her head

had turned with smells that day at Trading Post;

of honeysuckle, sweet verbena, wild rose,

saddle leather, whiskey. With the tramp of boots

and chinking rowels and faces long removed

from soap and barbers, it was Babylon.

But in the moment of her vow, she felt

a kind of Lightslide of the Truth, within.

End Sound 3

Sound 4

6-And then they brought the fiddlers, harp, and jug and planktop tables. She had barely got the pound cake cut when Read removed himself. whispering to William. Others went out. and only then she saw their guns. She sensed how closemouthed William had become: she had to ask, and ask again, till he at last confessed he ought to ride to Sugar Mound. And then she had to plead that he would not. and he looked black, obviously torn. So then they compromised and both drove off, leaving the trunk, the flowers, the women, and the cake. At Fort Montgomery, they passed guerrilla columns off to raid Fort Scott. A piece beyond, the slave named Winnie Campbell sat inside a sod-roofed smokehouse. suckling her child. Lily could see how used she was to portering her loads atop her head: even in grief, her backbone held her face erect and proud. A blacksnake stripe cut across her shoulder, fresh-swelling and pink . . End Sound easy in her dignity to bear that load
yet knows it is the bite of whip and wheel
of suffering's own momentum
that sustain the slave: so caught within
the press, he yields and stocks
his own arms taut for breaking. Easy, yes
she thinks but only looked to be. Inside.
a slave knows nothing but his death. That day
at Sugar Mound, she and William heard
how it began, to South
along the Red in Arkansas; how two
converts to William Garrison gave
Winnie all the rights they could, setting her
. "free";

how Winnie married with a slave, Lewis, and bore their child. But then the law required Master-guardians for Freedmen--to comply meant chatteldom, to refuse, the auction block.

6-Winnie began to hear about a trail
that led beyond Fort Smith, beyond Fort Scott,
out to an open prairie kind of place.
It was for twilight telling, what she heard,
ankle-deep in dust at cabin doors
when fires were lizard eyes:

Lewis encouraged her to take the chance and he would follow. She strapped the baby flat against her back, with corn meal and chitterlings. shallots and pecans and grapes and plums. The trail unwound a half a thousand miles across the mountains of the Ouachita. She was tracked by slaving Indians in bands whose sentinels she learned to read in dust: hewed shelter from the chinkapin, hearing the pish and whing of arrows in her wake. Then it was white men in their bands who looked for runaways; and descending from the blue Ozark hills to a gulfstream surf of grass that sighed and broke in continental winds she ran with shrill piping of ball and buckshot close at hand. But now at doors that opened into food she heard of Free State Kansas, and ninety days from Arkansas she crawled up to Fort Montgomery's palisades from Sugar Creek and saw its puncheons open. Montgomery led her in and said Woman, I pledge my word this fort will keep you free.

exodus tales about a freedom road.

WARN Sound 6

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5-And James Montgomery's word held true. That year

Buffalo came and went, the soldiers drilled.

Clarinda gave her washing and the water

walk. And then one night in June the woods

loosed a man dragging an iron shackle—

it was Lewis, wounded by shot, but safe.

Eli Snyder came to strike him free of chains

and set him up to farm, but in the fall

the Territorial Marshal left Fort Scott

and late one night his posse rode in hard an

and ringed their place. Lewis Campbell, he called.

WARN Sound 66-7

dragging Lewis out and tying him astride

a mule. A man whose neck was split with scar

called for taking in the wench and riding

on to Fort Montgomery, but the Marshal told

him short. The warrant reads that he's the slave

he said. She's free: so is the whelp. And then

the man sawed on his reins and dug his spurs

crying She's chattel too by God and cut

her with his whip. And then they left, and when

the morning came, Lewis was back in chains . . .

Surrender to the United States. And then

they stormed the smokehouse

End Sound 6

6-. . The fire that Lily tends is steady now.

The sun reels in a white and depthless sky.

She puts her bonnet on, then walks and sits under the lean-to, in the shade. And so for that one African they rode, she thinks

Sound 6b

remembering how she had to plead again
with William not to ride: To what thee does
tomorrow I can not object, but this
is wedding day for me, breaking into tears . . .

5-Remembering how he turned the wagon back;

End Sound 66

Sound 7

and she, watching the sun descending proud and angry as a fireball in the banks of clouds, hesitant to hold his arm, still silent in the cricket-chorusings: and then the drum of hoofbeats in the dusk, how William cut the wagon from the road dropping into the brush and pulling her beside, and drawing from the box beneath the seat a rifle, sighting now along the road as horse and rider cantered like some rusty pendulum in range, and then her half-cry as William challenged Stop or I shoot thee, the rider lying low and spurring. Then he fired: three times he shot, shot with a carnal instrument, to kill. And how she thanked Providence that the balls went wide, thanked with tears that meant both shame and something else-she might have called it joy. or maybe terror. But never love.

Lights 24

Next day, she heard James Marshall was the man, WARN Sound III, 1 coming to ride them home from Sugar Mound . . . WARN . . . Lily lays her head across her arm. William, thee is not for violence she thinks yet feels a numbness in her limbs. A sense of strangeness presses in around her like the dry insistent beating of a locust's wings. The wind rises and the longhorn ox

bellows, hoarse as a rifle volley.

End Sound 7

Sound VII, 1 Lights

THE BATTLE AT SNYDER'S FORGE

VII,1

3-They ride in Legion now, six sixes deep, legging like a spider up the slope of Priestly Mound. Behind, along a white limestone collarbone of creek, the brown span of exen cut from Austin Hall graze haunch by jowl in greenstream grass.

WARN Lights 25 WARN Sound 12

Hamelton

drives the phalanx needle north and up
to timber, where they rein along a line
of stumps below the chine. The Captain lays
a leg across his pommel, watching smoke
thumb up from somewhere on the other side.
Then he pulls his two-edged border knife, taps
the star-shaped rowel on his boot, and signs

Lights 25

for Brockett, Sheek, and Griffith to dismount.

End Sound 1

Sound 12

2- The blacksmith draws his bellows like a pair of shears, snicking the air in wedges which he feeds in rapid fire through a hood.

Their rasps commence to anger up his mound of charcoal to a white ordeal for iron. He takes a candent bar, throws it against the anvil,

WARN Lights 26
WARN Sound 2

beats until a crescent waxes red, Lights 26 then dunks it in a puncheon brim to brimful End Sound 1a foaming with white artesian watersprings. Sound 2 1-Behind a fan of tamarack, they lay their eyeshot on the roof of Snyder's forge: WARN Sound 2a half a moundslide down, it turns its face beyond, southwest along a snake ravine that headlongs from the door, through elm, poplar, a lone red haw, down to the green meanders of the Cygnes. Behind and sides the walls are limestone-blank. Griffith sets his pantslegs down to hide his boots. With gun and knife behind, he drops, circles the shop. Brockett and Sheek remain. End Sound R Hamelton trails him down, his shotgun primed.

2-The square jawed maul beats bell-like, and the hand

and arm and crossbeen fall in cadence
to its calling. His arms and shoulders rise
out of a steerhide shield or apron like
a burst of copperheads
writhing around the black and hairy roots

WARN Lights 27
WARN Sound 26-3

| of river sallows. | ENd Sound 22 V |
|---|----------------|
| Eighteen leg-irons hang behind his forge. | Sound 2b |
| Fach clevis-pin is severed by the sharp | |
| and burrless cut his hammer-arm has dealt. | |
| each testifies to Truth rung deep in bone: | Lights 27 |
| one arm, one steel, that sprung | |
| a squad of squatheel slaves to life again. | End Sound 2b |
| | Sound 3 |
| 4-Griffith stands before the shopdoor. He holds | 3.00 |
| both hands visible and still. In the dark | |
| within, Snyder looms like a mesa, his maul | 4 () * |
| motionless, poised. The sun of two o'clock | |
| is hot and slick, pinpointed in his eyes. | |
| 3-Be you Mr. Snyder? Griffith asks. | WARN Sound 4 |
| The maul descends once more | |
| 2 and sparks whorl up. That's me a voice replies. | |
| There's a man out yonder wants to see you | |
| Griffith says. The blacksmith lays his maul and | , |
| tongs | 1 |
| aside and turns to rinse his hands. All right. | |
| And he will come: Griffith sees it, now. | 1 |
| It is as if the doorway were a chute; | |
| he is the wrangler, Snyder is his meat. | and Sound 3 |
| - | Sound 4 |
| | ** |

He has anticipated this. Not the man. the stranger standing with his gunhands poised; but the call, the innocent request. He too equivocates, nods his assent. He lays his tongs athwart the charcoal while he washes, takes them then, inconspicuous, as if they were the watchfob to his hand: blinks as his head emerges into sun. engaging then the stranger's steady gaze. 2 saving. Where? while slipping back his hand behind the cedar doorframe where a Sharps! six-sided barrel meets the palm. He waits a second as the stranger steps ahead to lead him up, follows in the pinheeled tracks a step behind. Up here the stranger says just as they round the wall. It is Hamelton, half a dozen yards uphill. I've got you where I want you! calls the Captain, his coatarms black with sweat. 2 Yes? You think you do the blacksmith shouts and feels his right arm rising with the tongs.

1 The blacksmith towers like a timberline, eyes and mouth inhumed behind his grizzled beard. Hamelton feels his finger jump against the dogstooth curve

of forward trigger, thinking, There is such a goddamn lot of target to him, to the limbs that seem to drop like taproots from that trunk. Griffith yells You dawn well know we've got you Eli-march! and Hamelton calls This way! when then the treetrunk splits as if a bolt of lightning ran it through. For two splitsecond seconds, Hamelton stands hung on his tonguehold, and he sees a tongs lash out and rip across Will Griffith's face, hearing the scream of pain, seeing him then begin to fall as Snyder's second limb lashes the tongs again, and then again.

WARN Sound 5

End Sound 4

Sound 5

2-He turns to jump behind his wall and grab
the Sharps; feels himself turned again in turn
apron-to on Hamelton who fires a charge.
and feels the steerhide kick against his ribs.
the sting of buckshot laced with pepperpods
that sear beneath his skin.
Passing the corner now, the whing of shot
rides high and easy over. At the door,
he grabs the bluesteel barrel of the Sharps.
then drives the stud-iron door in place and bars
it shut. He legs across the room and stands

atop his bench, pulling a loosened stone out of the topmost course. He sees the Raiders still in range as Hamelton circles out to run the door. Hoisting the Sharps, he feels a ground glass bobbing back and forth within. He sights along the Captain's pewter buttons, fires. The rifle leaps and churns against him. Damn! he roars, half in pain, half for the gray flag of coattail that snaps and dives behind a rock. He leans the Sharps against the wall and loads. A pistol ball splatters across the wall below. Now he can see a rifle barrel glinting like a needle in the green of tamarack along the ridge. He fires again and roars Get up ye goddamned blackheeled bastards feeling his muscles close around the shot the way an oyster grows around its stone until it smoothes to pearl.

WARN Sound 6

End Sound 5

Sound 6

3-There is a sow bug of a curse that squats upon him now: Hamelton feels it suck his hotsun blood, raging the while to shoot the blacksmith through, to watch the plenum bile spill out and dissipate, to crush the skull and arch-coils of the Abolitionist.

He sights along the rockface at the hole

where Snyder's rifle winks: he fires again and hears the rockchips spall in rattles.

He conjures: succeeds only in summoning up the Snyder he has met six weeks before crooking a Sharpe across hie arm. That looks just like a rifle, Hamelton had said; you'd better treat it careful if you go on past Trading Post. At that, the blacksmith turned his gaze, and he could eee the blacksmith turned his gaze, and he could eee the blackshe eyes that onced him up and down.

If you know better Snyder said then why even ask? Hamelton had felt a kind of organ bellows pulsing in the air: black, rebellious Northern blood, that would have

WARN Sound B

at Black Jack and Osawatomie.

The Captain thought to burn him then and there.

Keep the Sharps at home he said or else

I'll blow you through. The blacksmith raised his

gun

-been

as smooth and quick as oil. If you don't leave

I'll take you off that horse.

He takes his Colt

and fires it at the window, yelling now to Sheek and Brockett for a covering fire. Resting his shotgun in the shade of rock he sees a salamander shake ite tail and scrabble back and forth across a ledge, back and forth, ruby-eyed and insolent.

End Sound 7

Sound 8

4-The shots spat wide around his rifle port.

Fragments of ball and stone tear at the hide
he wears. Now he hears their words, rising like
black

expectant carrion birds: he moves his hand
as if to brush a dross of spiderweb
away, and smiles. It is foregone, he thinks.

Let Hamelton rage. Let him peel his hide.

He loads and fires. His Sharps can speak three
words

WARN Sound-Drum out

for every Southern syllable of shot.

Now they are firing from the hilltop, hot
for Hamelton's retreat. He pauses. Then
the Captain makes his dash, and Snyder shoots
again, almost reflectively, along
the row of buttons; sees him crack his stride

and fall loose-legged in a bush. Silence.

Sound-End Drum

He loads, and hears a sound of voices near
the door. He knows that they will be a party
taking up the man. On the slope, Hamelton
rears, running out of range. He lays the Sharps
aside and slips down slowly from the bench,
leaning his arm beneath the waterflow

above the puncheon; lets the current pour
across his arm and shoulder, spinning the clot
to chips and coils and bloody filaments.

He sees his blood oiling the surface
of his tank, beneath the hanging irons:
it spills out of the puncheon now, spills
beneath the wall, spills into the long ravine,
down to the green meanders of the Cygnes.

WARN Sound WII, 1 WARN Lights 28

End Sound 8

Sound VIII, 1 Lichts 28 dissilient milkweed pods. The bunch grass boiling up beneath his boots in humps, splaying like surf along a shore. Cursing himself. the mumping rifle balls, the slickleaved shade cover thrown by osage oranges in plats along the slope. Cursing the curse, the black boa coils of happenstance, and the man unseen, erect behind the blank stone wall. He dives beneath a bush, feeling a warm purling of air behind a ball, and thrusts his head and shoulders underneath a vine. Crowfoot. It is a leafy, bitter smell, rooting in blindworm runners down to dark.

A sawkneed cricket chirrs into his ear.

He thinks God damn. You goddamned fool.

Snyder

WARN Lights 29

pinked you good. The sun is slipping down its rim into the flange of hills. Twelve, he'd wanted.

Twelve for him to kangaroo.

You lost him. A vial of leadheaviness spills into his blood.

He makes himself resist, biting the lining

he thinks; write it big, write it in blood.

4-The nib of powderhorn gouges his side,
the pouch of shot, the shotgun, dry and hot.
He feels a vapor tracking up his arm,
roiling the blood; now his shoulder, neck
start like a flickertail. It infiltrates
his body corridors, undoing hasps,
firing the puncheons of his brain. They fall
and all the feeding flames within shoot high,
whipped by the windmill arms
of prairie wind, swatching in sheets across
the sky, detonating groves of sycamores,
birling the horn-locked herds of buffalo.

And feels a thought he does not think: can feel his head rise up. feels all himself plucked up. the tendons of his legs snapping against the bones, raising the shell of vines until his arms and backbone burst out of the overgrowth, and he is free.

He hears no shooting, now.

WARN Lights 30

He runs along the slope, ramming a set of charges home. Brockett! His badger's face flinches in surprise. Get the goddamned horses! Lights 30 Griffith's bad the other says. Dammit Scott get yourself a move on! bracing in the saddle and turning back.

WARN Lights 31. hold their faces half a breath removed from fear. Even his Raiders seem to wait, unhoping what comes next. He can discern the worm in all of them, looking across to shade, where Griffith holds his tong-raked face. Talk has never been equivalent to commands. The Captain looks at Luke and William Yealock, squat on mules and blank as bassets; at Michael Hubbard, robes and a bottle tied across his saddle. Matlock balances boots, hung by a knot athwart his shoulder. Brockett and Cordell

-And rides them down: the Abolitionists

End Sound 3

Lights

2-Ready, Captain. It is Sheek. In his bone and onyx eye, Hamelton perceives

repose in shade, letting their horses graze.

something he knows. Something he has seen. not yet, yet there. Knowing. He knows. As well WARN Sound as he. By God we'll write it big, he thinks. and calls: Fall in! The faces stare as though they hadn't heard. Matlock! Brockett! Sheek! Git to gitting! sidling his stallion in amongst the Abolitionists, shouldering hard until they give or sprawl. Belial! the old missionary shouts. Moloch! The stallion

Sound 4

knees him down. Git! And they form, and file slowly across the moundcrest toward a slope fevered with sumac. Hamelton rides around the column, shoves the straggling Halls, kicks at the Yealock mules. Only Sheek has seemed to comprehend Hamelton's intent, riding herd in front. He drives them up the slope to where a dark declivity begins in yarrow. Now. Hamelton spurs. It is as clear as glass.

It is the avenue. For them. For him. He plunges in the mouth of the ravine, trampling the brush. March in here! he shouts. And they turn, with Sheek beside tamping them through the orifice. Hamelton turns to watch them coming in:

3-the first is Robertson, red enough to boil. Snyder is next. Eli's kin. WARN Sound 5 and Read, swelling with belly rumbles. Ross, the Irishman, smiles with half a mouth. The Quaker walks behind. staring stones to life, and limping. Amos Hall. And rear, the pimply Hairgrove boy, who walks eyes closed, father behind, looking back and swearing now. The blinded Hall who holds the Dutchman's arm. And last, the little clerk and riflemonger Campbell, leading up the rear, edging between the yarrow arms. End Sound 4 Sound 5 The Captain leads them down along a choked WARN Sound pause in 5 descent that jaws them to a single file. Here the sumac cools to cottonwoods. the ground is smooth, grassy as a road. Sound pause 5. 2-Halt! They stop. Face right. He smiles, feeling Sound continue 5 pleased. 2-You tell them pick, they pick. Up along the walls, he tells the Raiders: they ride on either side of the ravine to pastern-high above the line of men. 2-We're going to see what Abolitionists have got for guts, the Captain caye. Montgomery, Brown, and all your men will have to look

a month to find your pieces. Raise your arms! 3-he calls, reaching for his shotgum. Gentlemen. he hears, if you intend to shoot, then take good aim. It is Hairgrove, drawling now, mocking his very tone of voice: he spits neatly between the hooves of Hamelton's horse. Fire! is in his mouth to say, when he hears Brockett don't obey. It is Sheek, who points along the line to where the bay and rider stand. You raise your piecel the Captain cries. I'll be God damned if I will! I'll fight. but I won't butcher! Brockett turns his horse. Then Luke and William Yealock back away. 2 You stay right there! Hamelton cries. By God Scotty you've got a cow turd on your neck instead of head! You lost your nerve? You don't cotton to this? You want to take them home?

WARN Sound 6

End Sound 5

Sound 6

He rises in his stirrups, voice and arm
and fist flogging against the flow of air
along the grass ravine: Remember Scott
and all the rest of you, your names are down
on Jim Montgomery's list. Screw me now or not,
they are. And my first charge is primed to fire.
Heist your asses now and see; anyone
not in line and firing gets the second!

1-Brockett swings his horse around and pulls his shotgun from its scabbard, Will Yealock points a rifle, Luke a Colt. Present your arms! Now they all are up. And the Captain sets his sight to where the ramping sun has rolled: by raising up his hand he can contrive to turn the iron valves of sky and tap the utter shales beyond, to flood WARN Sound 62-7 the vaults of heaven with diluvium, to ride upon the baulks of earth, the winds beating around these molehill mounds, and swamp the fires of all of them, drown them all with one thunderstone of Force, sinking the sun. the mazing corridors of space: his arm cocked like a Cheyenne bull-roarer against the falling sky, hingeman to the helm of history, joint to them all, the ruck millenial since Cain, who watch from files beyond the skyfolds he is flooding down. 2-Write it in blood. And brings his right arm down. End Sound 6
his Fire! and roar of shotgun bounding back. Sound 62 2 his Fire! and roar of shotgun bounding back. doubled again on down the line, his aim centered on Campbell's belly, as the line breaks, splitting and plunging, with aftercry Sound 17 and murmur of surprise and lasting sprawl .

4- He is off and standing now, feeling a warm gloving on his fingers, of blood that spills slow as honey from Campbell's side. A shout pulls up his glance along the rise. Brockett turns his horse and runs. The Yealocks follow suit. Hubbard looks around; he sees but does not seem to care. They're not all dead the Captain says. Let's finish them. Sheek bends down beside a body holding its dead belly like it ached. There's old Read says Sheek. And which WARN Sound IX,1 is he? There's the old bastard looking up. Put the pistol to his ear, the Captain says, shoot him into his ear. Turn the Quaker's pockets out, says Hubbard; I heard him say a hundred dollars. Here's his watch and fob . .

WARN Lights 32

2-. . . A crow caws from a pocketfold of tree. No one ever wrote it bigger. Abol, melting along the bunchgrass floor in slick, uncertain rubrics. Prairie spatterdock. crimson, weeding down to limestone springs . . . A wind rises along the grass ravine. The Quaker holds a green and yellow flower burst from the house his bellymuscles built He is alone. Sheek has ridden down the mound. He is clean. He is clear. He lifts his boot, then heels into the stirrup. Behind,

the track of hooves, his bootprint. He turns,

vital lava, convolve in shadowfall.

descending. His horse, the bodies, and their dark

End Sound 7

Sound IX, 1

Lights 32

IX

THE HANGING OF WILLIAM GRIFFITH October 30, 1863

IX,1

2-They came from Farlinville, Paris, La Cygne, their wagons slow as landsnails, the wheels squealing as they climbed a hump of bunchgrass and then hammered down the dip. A troop of horse

WARN Lights 33

wound its way cross-country. Others walked with bedrolls on their backs along the slope of Sugar Mound. The day was windless, clear. The prairie year was closing up its eye on bluestem dunned to straw, on yarrow bolls, on panicle and leaf of sumao afire in clumps among the oaks at Barnes's store; on beaver, blue, and brass of state militia and spiderwork of frame and courthouse brick rising from a foursquare green beyond

where William Hairgrove sat on a plank, his gray eyes surmising who and why they came.

Lights 33

A block away, Will Griffith sat inside

3 his pineboard cell. Not much longer, Hairgrove thought.

He stood, straightening his back,

and looked around the square—at Colpetzer's wife,

Amos Hall, and all

the ones he didn't know, or only thought

he knew; and some in uniform or bits

of Blue, and women, now, more now than then

when Hamelton had sown his bloody oats
broadcast across the mounds at Trading Post . . .
. . and all the ones not there to see: his son,
drafted to infantry; Montgomery, Colonel
to Colored Carolina Troops; Brown,
a martyr in Virginia; and the Five
faces, dearer for nubbing down in time
to likelessness, like stone, never to rise
to hand or voice again:
Johnny Campbell, Stillwell, Patrick Ross,
all shot and knifed; Colpetzer, wrathless now,
and Robertson, a man they never knew;

and Six still bound to life-the Hairgroves, Snider, Read, all freighting shot, Amos Hall who'd spat out ball and cartilage from where they'd drilled his cheeks, and Austin Hall who heard the skirr of death and fell

woundless, his eyes pussing like punctured boils. WARN Lights 34 WARN Sound 5 and afterwards had felt the warm worming of the air that slid along & the grasstops, and worse, over the pain, had sensed his soul squeezing against the cold bodystones fallen from their firmament Lights 34 until some Providence keyed them in their bleeding arch again . . . End Sound 4 Sound 5 4. . . Ready. The Sheriff stood with axe and hood, a wagonload of coffin just behind

and flanked beyond by ranks of blue militia. Hairgrove rose into his saddle, and watched the celldoor open as the prisoner emerged. A squad closed in and sat him on the raw coffinlid. Hall's oxen pulled him past the crowd and wagons and the troops; in turn they followed, silent, as if the ox unbound the stillness of the oaks, the great maples sapped and red-heavy with sugars, past the gray unrumbling mill. across the river, up the rootveined banks and on through mandelehts through hissing tapestries of timberleaves.

WARN LIGhts 35

1-Hairgrove thought, It is the day come round at last,

and yet the jeremiah joy was gone. The justice of the state was like a page of algebra that ciphered to an x. But there had been a day five years before when Eli Snyder sat in the Trading Shack and malletted his words at a New York journalist, swearing in evenhanded strokes to kill Charles Hamelton forthwith. Hairgrove had felt each one: they drove so hard. harder than the rifle balls he'd borne within his breast. I'll kill Hamelton -- three words that raised the blacksmith to his feet, folding his leather apron round the arm in bandages. He turned to add, I give my place to Brown, walked out, strung his mare, and headed for Missouri. To pull Missouri topknot down until he'd made his rendezvous with Hamelton, riding into the hearsay air as straight and black as a walnut bole, leaving them all . .

• • Deepwoods they rode, to where two uprights stood

eight feet apart and ten in height, a beam

between, from which an iron pulley hung.

The noose-rope fed around

it, then along the upright where it tied

around a quarter ton

of anvils in a box, fastened beside.

End Sound

7

Get yourself yielded, Griffith the Sheriff said,

WARN Sound 8

roping up his hands. The Texan raised his head, the beard grown gray around a web of scar across his cheek.

By order of the District Court . . . the Sheriff started. Hairgrove heard him halt, then start again and read it through. He turned to place the hood. Hairgrove dismounted, shed his moleskin coat.

He's yours, the Sheriff said, handing him the axe. The old man ran his thumb along its face feeling its callus rasp against the edge.

Sound B

2-He walked between the prisoner and the box of anvils, taking a stance beyond the plumb of their exchange. He raised the axe, judging the arc. He thought And now to strike: Griffith stood without a sound, hooded, anonymous.

His shadow lengthened, seemed to stretch its arm. Hairgrove caught wind of smoke, spicy as a flitch of bacon on a beam—even now

when pots of beans sent up their thick, mealy steam to turn a man and team knee-bent from breaking sod toward home, just as in that

hour

five years before, so now, as that desire for food seized the belly. Hairgrove swung the axe. It soared like a steel and mallard messenger that slit the eye and flanks of sky before it buried to the bit, and hellbound sent the anvils with the man.

End Sound 8

1-There was a catching kind of breath that came

WARN Sound

out of the crowd. One of the militia fell.

Hairgrove laid the axe aside. He let

the Sheriff help him with his coat. He turned.

<u>I thank you</u>, Hairgrove said, bending down

to reach the axe. Keep it. the Sheriff said,

it's yours. Hairgrove held the slate-eye in his hand.

There was a grainy nick along one side.

All right, he said, I will. He tied it flat against his rifle scabbard; then he mounted and rode through the knots of crowd for home.

Sound 9

4-But it was not the same, the old man knew.

Something about the crowd. The likes of troops.

That the sweep of mare's tails in the sky

and buffalo like clumps of scrub oak

had given way to plumb bobs and the rule
of sums. Who would remember otherwise—
that two posts and a crossbeam took a roof
of wattles just as well as rope. And how
you cut your first timber on your claim
and laid it in a brake. And no man
ever hewed a two-day chinkapin like yours
nor raised such notch-end beams. Only the man
who gives himself whole-hide to land can know
how absolute it is

to own. Or lose. And it is ours, he thought.

He stopped, remembering now the skulking, the

night

calling at doors and shotgun greetings there, and when they all were forced to flee to Fort Montgomery, rolling themselves in blankets, sleeping in lines of six across the common bed, and then at dawn Clarinda boiled a block of mush, and they had talked the clock around, about the slavers, courts, their hopes for Federal redress, when then a form rose out of the corner of that bed, its white beard sweeping the burry homespun, and stood and raked the air like grapeshot with its words. driving them back to where all thought began steel-engraving them with what slaving men would do who lusted after ownership of others, how they shot his son, and now

WARN Sound 10

would take the saber to them all: They would. and would again, a hundred hundredfold. a 's 's End Sound Sound Montgomery. | Names like fading rockprints of a bear that turned from the watersprings and climbed along the slopes beneath his lair knuckling slowly erect until he stood looking back across the timbered mounds. rubbed his back against a haw, and disappeared. 3 They're gone, the old man thought. He looked along the moundslope, past the woods. A southwest wind was rising, pulling the viking maple leaves like boats amongst the air. Distant, he could see the sinews of their river, with her banks greenshouldered still. I guess we all become just names, he thought. Hairgrove. He took its taste. Marais des Cygnes. The thronging waters and the clanging fowl. | Trading Post. | A heelhard floor of beans and barter. Then let it be. -he-thought. Better that every generation lose its name, to find it for some truth.

What did they day; an Indian girl once sat along those banks, sifting the sands of day

to sand, waiting for her Cheyenne chief

to come and set her wild-plum heart aflower

and died with each day's attrition till she drowned

deep in the darkening water, and then

in the spume of breaking wave, its hiss and crack,

the two great swans emerged and slowly spread

their wings, gaining the air. That was the myth.

And now the land was ready once again.

It was the time. And it was time for them.

End Sound Post lude

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APPENDIX C

Music Score

Music Score Key:

Cue numbers are the Arabic numbers circled on each page.

Music symbols used:

///. | - repeat preceding two measures

/ / - repeat first rhythmic figure on each succeeding count

Y.S. - turn page quickly

- add octave below note indicated, when stem goes below note

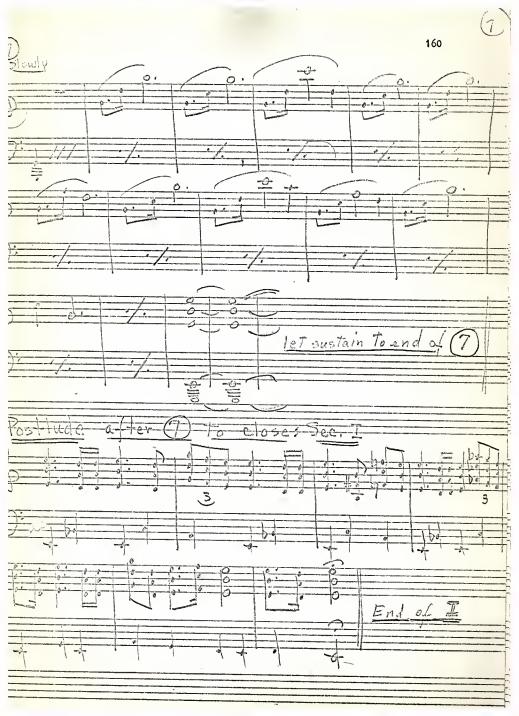
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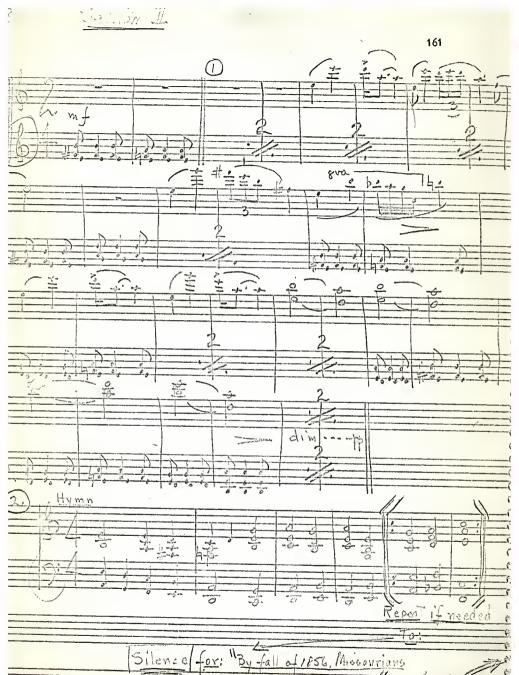




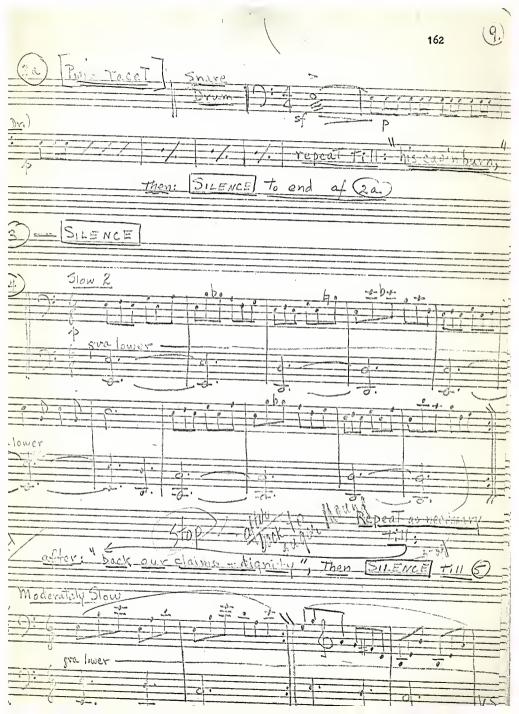


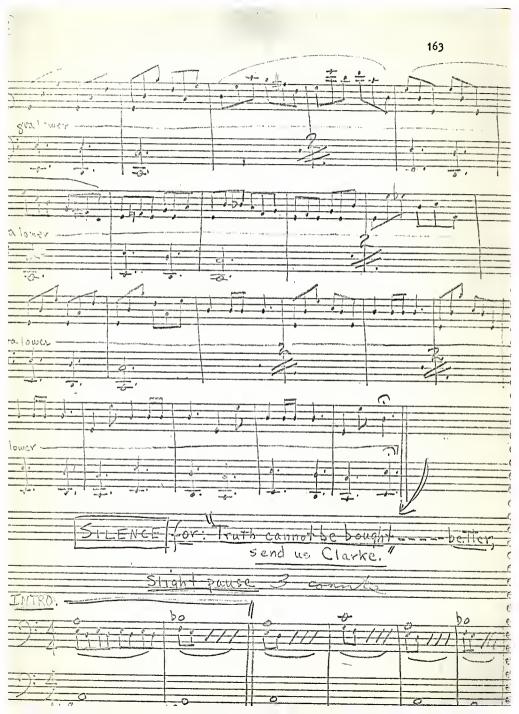






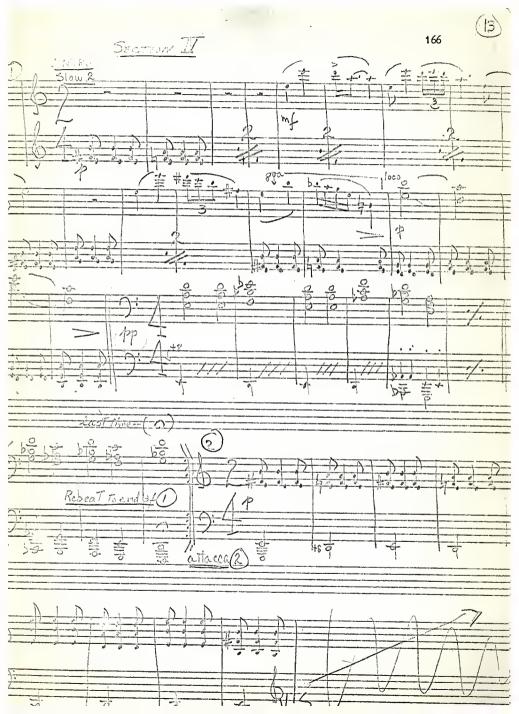
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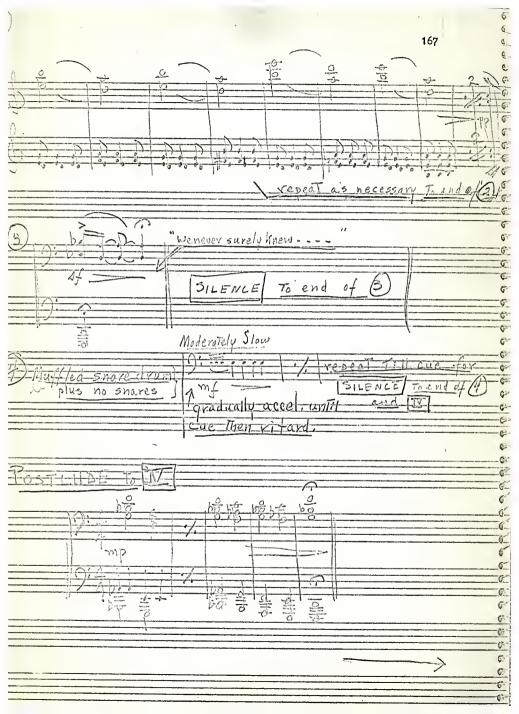






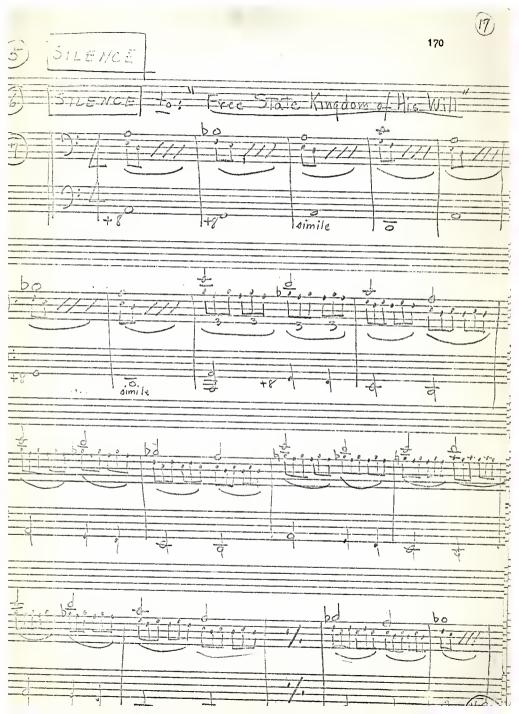


















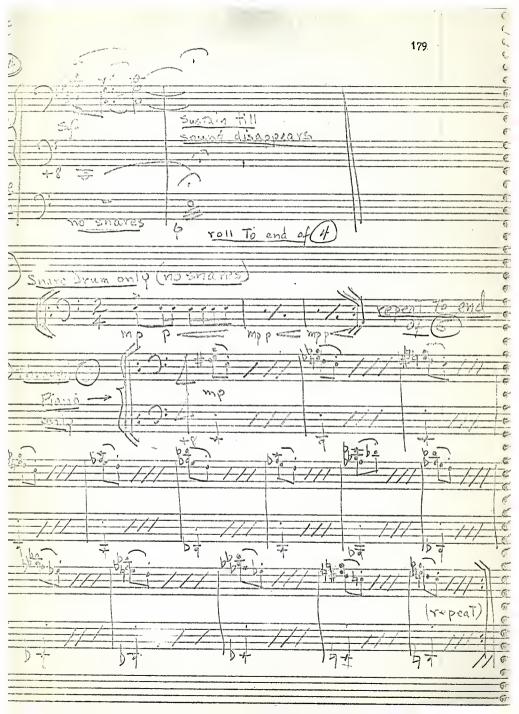






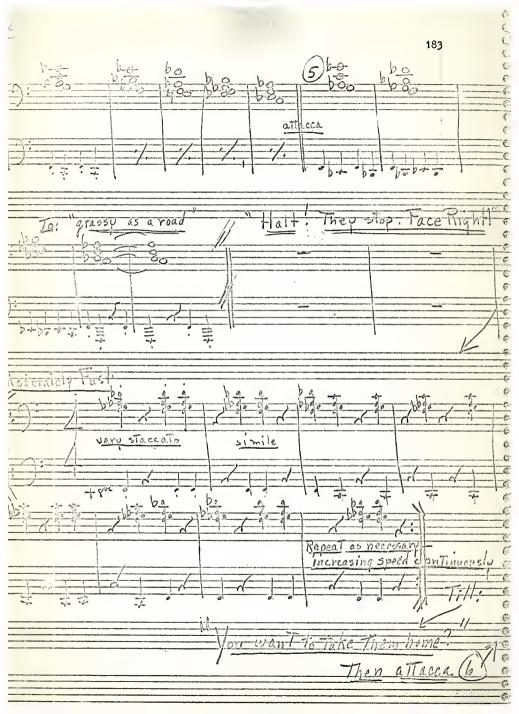




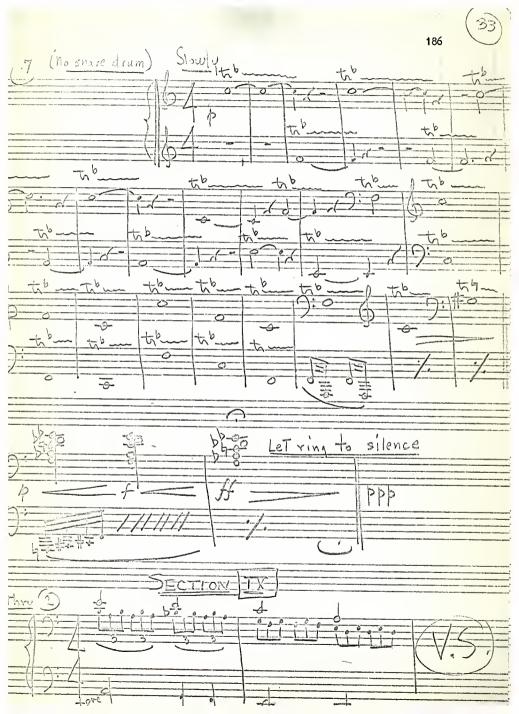
























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THE DESIGNING AND BUILDING OF TWO LINNEBACH PROJECTORS FOR A READERS' THEATRE PRODUCTION OF A WEST WIND RISES

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The purpose of this thesis is to demonstrate the writer's knowledge of theatre practice, and his ability to use it in mounting a theatrical production.

The central problem to be solved in the thesis was the design and building of two Linnebach projectors and slides. A search was conducted for possible new lamp sources that could be used for the projectors. Projector housings were designed and built to utilize a new lamp in a production situation. Slides were made for the new projectors, and were painted for the production.

The results of the research conducted and the work done on the Linnebach projectors can best be stated in terms of conclusions reached by the writer concerning lamp sources, the projector housing, and the slides. The 1000 watt Sylvania quartz iodine lamp was chosen for the project because of its physical and economic advantages over other lamps that had been previously used in Linnebach projectors. The elongated filament of the quartz lamp was its most unusual feature, and the results of experimentation with it are reported in detail. The conclusions about projector housings are summarized by these observations: a tailor-made projector is most satisfactory in performance, and least expensive to buy or build; a multiple lamp capability in a projector is relatively easy to obtain and adds great flexibility to a projector's usage; the greater the lamp manuverability within the housing, the easier will be the placement and focusing of the instrument. Clear acetate was used for the slides because it was thought to be superior to glass, due to its greater impact strength and workability. Twenty-three plates were

used to demonstrate and help explain this project and the production.

The production that offered the opportunity to demonstrate the results of this project was a Readers' Theatre presentation of the long narrative poem, A West Wind Rises. The purposes of the production were three: first, to provide a laboratory for the use of the new quartz lamp and Linnebach projector; second, to demonstrate the writer's ability to apply his knowledge of theatre to the production situation; third, to provide an educational experience for the students working on it, and a cultural experience for the audience. The production is described in terms of the director's approach to the poem, directing concepts and procedures, the readers, settings, lighting, sound, a prompt script, rehearsal data, the performance, and the budget.