

J: PREACHER/JUDGE

[The Preacher and Judge are played by the same actor; during this speech, the speaker turns from the Judge summing up at the trial of Nelly for murdering Skelly, into the Preacher addressing the congregation on the same subject. The "two innocents" are Robert and Eva, who were supposedly attacked by Skelly.]

JUDGE: We all have long know Skelly Mannor; we have known of his past--that latent evil in him; that unnatural desire and we have long been aware that at any time the bitterness in his soul might again overflow. We let things lie. We took no action to prevent his crime, the pending, at any moment crime; and the burden must be ours. We are all responsible for the shock to these two innocents. We are responsible for our actions, for allowing the heathen into our fold.

(The Judge's oratory slides into the Preacher.)

PREACHER: God, forgive us. In your wisdom, forgive us. And help these two souls, these two innocent souls forget that dark moment. Blind them to that dark moment and set them free, Lord. Dear Lord. Our Savior!