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CHRISTY
Why?

ORTER shrugs.

CHRISTY
At least tell me where.

Orter gets that stubborn look that says he knows but will never tell. Exasperated, Christy leaves the classroom.

CUT TO:

18 EXT. SCHOOLHOUSE - DAY

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Christy looks around, cupping her hands to her mouth.

CHRISTY
(yelling)
Mountie! Mountie O'Teale!

But there's no answer. Christy's voice echoes through the hills as we:

CUT TO:

19 INT. MISSION HOUSE - DAY

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That afternoon, after school. The door opens to reveal Fairlight on her hands and knees scrubbing the floor. She looks up. Framed in the doorway is JEB. And he's angry.

CUT TO:

20 EXT. MISSION - DAY

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Smirts and sheets on the clothesline billow in the wind as Jeb plunks the Spencer children one by one into the wagon. Fairlight stands by, looking miserable. David and Alice arrive.

ZADY
Don't make us go, Daddy.

JEB
We don't take no charity.

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