

"Judgment Day" November 15, 1993

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RUBY MAE  
Folks don't take t'new thangs.  
They'll be waitin' fer somebody  
t'try it out first.

CHRISTY  
Meanwhile, Little Burl doesn't  
get his shoes.

In the distance Christy sees Ferrand approach from the school.  
She mutters under her breath.

CHRISTY  
... and wait until Doctor Ferrand  
hears about this.

RUBY MAE  
(parrots Christy)  
Your doin' your best, Ma'am.  
That's all anybody can do.

Unfortunately, Christy's adage doesn't ease her own  
apprehensions. Suddenly, David rides in on Prince -- his arm  
wrapped in bloody cloth.

CHRISTY  
David, what happened?

DAVID  
The line slipped and cut my arm.  
(fuming)  
Which never would've happened if  
I wasn't doing the work of three  
men. I've reached my limit with  
these people! Even after Alice  
was hurt, nobody came to help.  
Can you believe it?! NOBODY!

Christy unwraps the arm -- to reveal raw skin and blood.

CHRISTY  
We should clean this right away.

DAVID  
"It discomfits me t'work,  
preacher!" Sometimes I wonder if  
they have souls to save.

DR. FERRAND (O.S.)  
David...!

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having heard the outburst.

DR. FERRAND  
How can you talk like that?

DAVID  
I'd rather not discuss it right  
now, Doctor -- my arm needs  
attention.

And he heads into the house. Christy steels her courage.

CHRISTY  
He didn't mean what he said.  
He's just tired.

DR. FERRAND  
That's no excuse for what I  
heard.

*Kristin + Megan (fold in)*  
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CHRISTY  
But you don't understand --

DR. FERRAND  
I'm afraid you are the one who  
lacks understanding, Miss  
Huddleston. This mission isn't  
about improvements you can make  
in Cutter Gap. It's about faith.  
(then)  
Miss Alice and I have devoted our  
lives to that cause. I won't  
stand by and have our work  
ignored.

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He goes into the house, leaving Christy standing there. The  
impact of his words are etched on her face.

FADE OUT.

END ACT TWO