*Desire under the Elms* – Part II

**Scene 1**

1. Dialect
   1. till ye’re jined with it
   2. She owns up fa’r ‘n’ squar’ t’ her doin’s
   3. Me ‘n’ Eben’s allus fit ‘n’ fit. I never coul b’ar him noways.
   4. It must hev sounded wusser’n I meant.
2. What does Eben accuse Abbie of trying to do? What is her tactic with him?
3. Who does Abbie say that every worthless drunk in the country has been with?
4. What does Cabot say he wishes he could do to the farm?
5. Why does Abbie tell Cabot that Eben was lusting after her?
6. How does Abbie get Cabot to promise her the farm (“anythin’ ye’d a mind ‘t) (32)?

**Scene 2**

1. Dialect
   1. fur follerin’arter an easy God
   2. actooly
   3. pizen
   4. I hain’t a mite afeerd.
   5. Maw! Whar air yew?
2. What is the significance of Cabot’s statement “Me an’ the farm has got t’ beget a son” (33)?
3. Why does Abbie look at the wall when she is in her bedroom with Cabot?
4. What is the essence of Cabot’s theology?
5. What is ironic about Cabot’s description of his first wife’s death?
6. Why does Cabot keep saying “Ripe on the bough”?
7. Why does Cabot go down to the barn?
8. What happens shortly after Cabot goes out to the barn? How does Eben respond?
9. What does Abbie mean by “a purpose o’ my own” (37)?
10. What is the significance of Abbie going to the parlor at the end of the scene?
11. What does Eben’s final statement of the scene mean?

**Scene 3**

1. What was it that Eben says Abbie could feel when she came into the parlor?
2. What is the significance of Maw in this scene?
3. What allows Eben to confess his love for Abbie?

**Scene 4**

1. Dialect
   1. Thar. That’s enuf, hain’t it?
   2. Waal, I’m a-goin' t’ steal a wink o’ sleep. I’ll tell the Old Man I hain’t feelin’ pert. Let him git his own vittles.
   3. Yew ‘n’ me is quits.
2. What event is implied by Eben’s and Abbie’s behavior the morning after Cabot went to the barn?
3. What remark does Eben make about his Maw? What is its significance?
4. What does Cabot ask Eben if he stole, noticing how chipper he is in the morning?
5. What farm animal does Eben compare himself to when he walks away from Cabot at the end of Part 2?