

*Into the West*

Episode 6 Scene Summaries

1. At the Paiute Indian Reservation in Nevada, the Indians listen to the Indian prophet, Wovoka. He says he has been to the white man's heaven and one day the buffalo and Indians will return to live again.
2. Wovoka says that God showed him a special dance and if all the Indians dance then good times will come.
3. 1890 Pine Ridge: Ten years have passed since Robert and Clara left Pennsylvania. George returns home.
4. The Indians block the road to beg for food. Robert is delivering food rations to the Reservations and gives them a little.
5. The Indians stand in line for food rations. The white soldiers make them stand in a straight line before they can get the food. They receive flour, coffee and a blanket. This is their ration for one month. There is no meat and the Indians are hungry and not happy.
6. Clara is teaching school to the Indians. George tells the students about living with white men and that he is now there to learn from the Lakota.
7. Royer tells Robert about the Indian messiah (savior), Wovoka.
8. Margaret Light Shines two more girls at her tipi. They say their mother can't feed them so they want to live with her. Their mother watches and cries sadly.
9. George meets his brother Red Lance. Red Lance tells him that White Crow (his father) and Running Fox (his grandfather) are dead. He tells about the white man's lies.
10. Dog Star and others talk about Wovoka's vision that the white man will go away someday. Dog Star believes in this hope because it is better than believing in nothing.
11. The Indians begin doing the Ghost Dance at Pine Ridge. Royer believes it is dangerous and asks Red Cloud to stop their dancing. Royer threatens to shoot them if they don't stop. The Indians tell him, "This is our prayer."
12. Reporters send false reports to the newspapers in the east. They say the Indians are armed and hostile and they are dancing to prepare for war.
13. Thunder Heart Woman and Jacob come to the Wheelers and meet Jedediah, (Robert and Clara's son). They have come back to live near family.

14. Thunder Heart Woman talks to Clara about Margaret Light Shines and her children. Robert will look for her on the reservation.
15. Reporters take photos of the Indians and the dancing and sensationalize the situation for the eastern newspapers.
16. George works on writing the history of his people. He argues with Red Lance about the Ghost Dance. He says only they can help their people, the Ghost Dance won't help.
17. Sitting Bull tells the group the dead cannot live again and the white man will stop the dance. Wovoka shows them the shirt that will protect the dancers from bullets.
18. Sitting Bull's people make ghost shirts.
19. Royer shows the shirt to reporters and explains that the Indians are preparing for war.
20. Robert says if the government will just leave the Indians alone, the ghost dance will go away.
21. A reporter barter with Margaret Light Shines for a ghost shirt. She pretends she doesn't speak English. She trades him the shirt for his camera.
22. Royer shoots a ghost shirt to see if it has real magic powers against bullets. The bullets make holes in the shirt.
23. Margaret Light Shines takes pictures on the reservation. She sees a poster with her name and picture and learns that her family is looking for her.
24. Jacob and Jedediah see a buffalo. Jacob tells Jedediah they will stay because the buffalo remember the land.
25. Margaret Light Shines meets up with her mother and fathers. Margaret takes Thunder Heart Woman to meet her children and she tells her about her life.
26. Royer sends a telegram to Washington saying the Ghost Dance is out of control. He asks for 1,000 troops (soldiers) to stop the Indians.
27. The troops arrive at the reservation. Margaret takes photos of everything.
28. Red Cloud tells Royer the Indians are too poor and hungry to hurt anyone. He says when winter comes the dancing will stop. Royer says the Indians have gone to the Black Hills because they are afraid the soldiers will kill them.

29. The reporter sends a false report to his newspaper. He portrays the Indians as threatening and hostile but this is not true.
30. Sitting Bull is coming to the bad lands and the army is getting ready to arrest him.
31. Red Lance starts burning George's books. He says George has learned too many white man's ways. They argue and fight.
32. The Indian police arrest Sitting Bull. An Indian shoots a police officer and then Sitting Bull is shot. George kills a policeman and he and Red Lance run away.
33. Robert tells Clara about George. Thunder Heart Woman says he has the protection of Tatanka.
34. George and others run away to the Bad Lands and join Chief Big Foot's camp. Red Lance tells them that the great chief Sitting Bull is dead.
35. Big Foot says they will go to Pine Ridge to seek Red Cloud's help. He wants to talk to the Long Knives (whites), not to fight.
36. George talks to Dog Star and tells him about killing the policeman. He says, "I have lost my center." Dog Star says, "The world has lost its center."
37. Jacob gives Jedediah a carved buffalo for his Christmas present.
38. The army sees Big Foot coming from the hills with a white flag. Big Foot tells the captain he wants peace. They will go to Wounded Knee and camp.
39. Robert Wheeler will take food and blankets to the Indians at Wounded Knee.
40. The reporter sends another false report back east.
41. Robert gives Big Foot a stove and warm underwear. He asks about Voices That Carry (George).
42. Robert meets George and tries to get him to come back. George can be the bridge between the Indians and the whites. George says, "I never belonged with the white man and now I belong nowhere." They say goodbye.
43. The colonel wants to go to Big Foot's tent.
44. The Indians are asked to lay down their weapons before speaking. They give up their guns. The colonel doesn't believe they have given up all their weapons. He thinks Big Foot lied about the weapons. The troops search the tipis.

45. A ghost dance begins. A deaf mute man is told to get up and be searched. He still has his gun. A shot is accidentally fired. The colonel commands the troops to shoot the Indians. Red Lance is killed. Big Foot is killed. Women and children are killed and wounded. George is shot and Robert is shot.
46. George carries Robert to a wagon that will return to town. George walks away. Dog Star is still alive and walks away.
47. In town, Clara is taking care of the wounded people. She sees Robert who is badly injured. They say he may lose his leg.
48. Royer tells the reporter that the Indians fired first.
49. Jedediah gives his buffalo to a wounded Indian child.
50. Loved By the Buffalo walks through the battlefield. He takes a lock of hair from each dead person and places it in a medicine pouch. He finds his amulet in the snow. George lost the amulet or threw it away in anger.
51. Margaret Light Shines comes to take pictures of the massacre. She sees the same reporter who traded her the camera and takes his picture.
52. Loved By the Buffalo continues to cut the hair, which is a death ritual. He is hassled by the white man and Margaret intervenes and explains what he is doing. She recognizes the amulet Loved By the Buffalo is wearing. She realizes he is her uncle. She helps him perform the ritual.
53. Loved By the Buffalo tells a story to Margaret and the Indian children at the Medicine Wheel.
54. Jacob tells the history of the west to Jedediah.

Finally they say, "We are all part of The Wheel"