

Female Character Monologue

(Spoken in a **French** accent) I am from a small village not too far from Toulouse, called Cordes-sur-Ciel (kor-duhs-sur-seel). (with tenderness) I have such warm feelings for my home town. It is a peaceful, tranquil village. I remember warm summers, playing with my friends on the hillside and cold winters, enjoying the snow, as it blanketed the town. As an adult, I came to appreciate my home, and my country for that matter, even more. I felt such pride as people from afar, would come visit our quaint village, and fall in love with the countryside. (tone changes to be a little sad) Then came the wars. We saw little effect from WW1 in our little village, but the second world war and the German invasion was another story. I'll never forget the summer when Germany first invaded France. It wasn't too long before we saw German forces near our little village. It seemed like fortifications were arising all around us. Every night we were glued to our radios, listening to the developments of the war. Invasions, prisoners of war, devastation. Such awful things. So many French and American soldiers captured and held prisoner, some in their very own country. So many lives devastated. During the war, I helped out where I could, taking care of wounded soldiers, transporting food and water....(trails off) (suddenly upbeat) But let's not speak of such sad times anymore! The war is over, life is returning to normal. Just look at the people around us. That nice young couple laughing together, those gentlemen in the corner, looking restful and content. Yes, it's nice to see people smiling once again.

(Spoken in a British accent)

I come from London England. WWII was hard on our country. London suffered widespread damage as a result of aerial bombardment, which devastated the docks and many industrial, residential, and commercial districts, including the historic heart of the City. When the air raid sirens would sound, and the sound of planes overhead would be heard, we all ran for cover. When the war was over, we rejoiced and felt much relief. Now we are a happy, vibrant city once again.