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"Aberfan"

Following a tragic accident at a Welsh mining village that quickly becomes political, both Elizabeth and Wilson struggle with their responses.

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EPISODE CAST

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Richard Harrington	...	Fred Phillips
Jack Parry-Jones	...	Teacher
Dyfrig Morris	...	Thomas Edwards
Gwyneth Keyworth	...	Gwen Edwards

1
00:00:17,800 --> 00:00:19,080
[man] See you later, love.

2
00:00:25,680 --> 00:00:26,760
[woman] See you in a bit.

3
00:00:34,640 --> 00:00:37,280
-[man] Hello, Karen.
-Are you all right, Howell, my love?

4
00:00:37,360 --> 00:00:39,360
[distant, heavy metallic clunking]

5
00:00:55,040 --> 00:00:57,040
[bell rings]

6
00:00:57,960 --> 00:00:58,960
[boy] Home time!

7
00:00:59,040 --> 00:01:02,560
All right, before you go...
Sit down, please, Rhys.

8
00:01:02,640 --> 00:01:04,080
[pupils groan]

9
00:01:04,160 --> 00:01:06,440
Who can tell me what's special
about tomorrow?

10
00:01:06,520 --> 00:01:07,440
[boy] It's Friday!

11
00:01:07,520 --> 00:01:09,760
Don't just shout out, Geraint.
Hands raised, boy.

12
00:01:09,840 --> 00:01:13,000
-[Geraint] Sorry, sir.
-Yes, it's Friday.

13

00:01:13,080 --> 00:01:16,480
It's the start of the weekend and, even
more importantly, the start of half-term.

14

00:01:17,000 --> 00:01:18,240
And, in case you'd forgotten,

15

00:01:18,320 --> 00:01:21,280
before you go on half-term,
you lot have a job to do tomorrow morning.

16

00:01:21,640 --> 00:01:23,640
You're singing
"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

17

00:01:23,720 --> 00:01:25,360
to the whole school in assembly.

18

00:01:25,440 --> 00:01:26,520
[pupils groan]

19

00:01:26,600 --> 00:01:30,520
So... don't forget to practice
at home tonight.

20

00:01:30,600 --> 00:01:33,160
Take the words home to memorize them.

21

00:01:33,240 --> 00:01:35,160
Memorize, Rhys Edwards:

22

00:01:35,240 --> 00:01:38,120
to commit to memory, to learn by heart.

23

00:01:38,200 --> 00:01:39,440
Right, everyone line up.

24

00:01:39,520 --> 00:01:41,520
[excited chatter]

25

00:01:44,240 --> 00:01:45,320
Quickly, come on!

26

00:01:47,760 --> 00:01:49,200
Don't forget your coats.

27

00:01:49,280 --> 00:01:51,080
-[girl] Thank you, sir.
-There you go.

28

00:01:51,240 --> 00:01:53,040
-Well done today. Good work.
-Thank you.

29

00:01:53,120 --> 00:01:54,880
-[boy] Goodbye, sir.
-[teacher] Rhys.

30

00:01:54,960 --> 00:01:55,960
There you go.

31

00:02:02,200 --> 00:02:04,200
[pupils shriek]

32

00:02:05,720 --> 00:02:07,320
[shouting]

33

00:02:13,720 --> 00:02:15,560
[boy] Oh, my God, I'm soaking!

34

00:02:17,640 --> 00:02:21,320
[girl]
♪ All things bright and beautiful ♪

35

00:02:21,920 --> 00:02:25,480
♪ All creatures great and small ♪

36

00:02:33,440 --> 00:02:37,000
♪ All things bright and beautiful ♪

37

00:02:37,080 --> 00:02:40,640
♪ All creatures great and small ♪

38

00:02:41,200 --> 00:02:44,600
♪ All things bright and wonderful ♪

39

00:02:44,680 --> 00:02:46,400
♪ The Lord God... ♪

40

00:02:46,480 --> 00:02:48,560
-Hello, Nan.
-[woman] Hello, love.

41

00:02:48,640 --> 00:02:50,760
[kids] ♪...bright and beautiful ♪

42

00:02:50,840 --> 00:02:52,320
-[groans]
-[boy 1] Hello, Dad.

43

00:02:52,400 --> 00:02:53,720
-[dad] Hiya.
-[boy 2] Hi, Dad.

44

00:02:53,800 --> 00:02:56,040
-Clear the table for me, would you?
-[boy 3] Yes, Mam.

45

00:02:56,120 --> 00:02:58,680
-[woman] Can I get you a cup of tea?
-Please, I am gasping.

46

00:02:58,760 --> 00:03:01,760
♪ All things bright and beautiful ♪

47

00:03:01,840 --> 00:03:04,520
♪ All creatures great and small ♪

48

00:03:04,600 --> 00:03:06,760
[woman]
Geraint, love, it's time for your bath.

49

00:03:07,640 --> 00:03:09,800
-I knew that was you!
-[sings]

50

00:03:09,880 --> 00:03:11,440
I can hear you down the street.

51

00:03:12,400 --> 00:03:14,520
It's raining cats and dogs out there, Mam.

52

00:03:14,600 --> 00:03:16,600
[woman]
Oh, I know. It's horrible, isn't it?

53

00:03:17,480 --> 00:03:18,320
Come on. Hey.

54

00:03:18,920 --> 00:03:20,280
Show me, show me, show me.

55

00:03:21,240 --> 00:03:22,920
♪ All things... ♪

56

00:03:23,000 --> 00:03:25,000
-♪ Bright and beautiful ♪
-You don't need that.

57

00:03:25,080 --> 00:03:28,520
-♪ All creatures great and small ♪
-Yes.

58

00:03:28,600 --> 00:03:31,560
-[boy] ♪ The purple-headed mountain ♪
-Lovely.

59

00:03:31,640 --> 00:03:34,000
♪ The river running by ♪

60

00:03:34,080 --> 00:03:37,520
-♪ The sunset and the morning ♪
-Good boy.

61

00:03:37,600 --> 00:03:40,520
♪ That brightens up the sky ♪

62

00:03:40,600 --> 00:03:42,600
[thunder rumbles]

63

00:05:59,280 --> 00:06:02,040
-[man 1] Where are we headed, then?
-[man 2] Tip seven.

64

00:06:02,760 --> 00:06:04,640
[man 3] We got reports of a train down.

65

00:06:07,440 --> 00:06:10,440
Come on. I'm going. I'm running late.

66

00:06:11,000 --> 00:06:12,680
-Off you go, then. See you later.
-Bye, Dad.

67

00:06:13,240 --> 00:06:15,120
-Bye.
-[woman] All right, Dai?

68

00:06:16,840 --> 00:06:18,600
[man] How are you, all right?

69

00:06:19,520 --> 00:06:22,800
-[school bell rings]
-Quickly. Quickly now, come on.

70

00:06:25,600 --> 00:06:26,880
Come back here, Geraint.

71

00:06:26,960 --> 00:06:29,600
-I thought we were late.
-Do your laces up!

72

00:06:29,680 --> 00:06:31,480
-Morning, Beryl.
-Morning, Ivor.

73

00:06:31,560 --> 00:06:33,360
Come on! [sighs]

74

00:06:35,560 --> 00:06:37,280
Look at your face. You're filthy.

75

00:06:38,280 --> 00:06:41,320
-[teacher] Quickly. Hurry up.
-See you later.

76

00:06:42,120 --> 00:06:43,760
-Bye, Dad.
-Tara.

77

00:06:43,880 --> 00:06:45,320
-See you later, then.
-Bye.

78

00:06:45,400 --> 00:06:46,640
-[woman] Bye, love.
-Bye.

79

00:07:01,000 --> 00:07:02,640
-[man 1] Come on, boys.
-[man 2] All right.

80

00:07:02,960 --> 00:07:04,760
[man 3] Ground's bloody soaked.

81

00:07:11,120 --> 00:07:13,120
[indistinct chatter]

82

00:07:36,840 --> 00:07:38,480
Never seen one this bad before.

83

00:07:43,840 --> 00:07:44,800
[man] Whoa!

84

00:07:44,960 --> 00:07:48,120
Christ, the whole tip is unstable!
You two, stay here!

85

00:07:49,240 --> 00:07:50,240
Hurry!

86

00:07:51,640 --> 00:07:53,120
-[teacher] Bevan?
-[Bevan] Sir.

87
00:07:53,200 --> 00:07:54,680
-Edwards?
-Sir.

88
00:07:55,200 --> 00:07:56,560
-Phillips?
-Sir.

89
00:07:56,960 --> 00:07:57,840
Moss?

90
00:07:57,920 --> 00:08:02,080
♪ All things bright and beautiful ♪

91
00:08:02,160 --> 00:08:03,600
[pupils laugh]

92
00:08:03,680 --> 00:08:08,280
Not yet, boy. In assembly. Five minutes.

93
00:08:08,360 --> 00:08:10,160
Don't peak too soon.

94
00:08:13,960 --> 00:08:15,120
Come on, man, hurry up.

95
00:08:16,480 --> 00:08:17,480
Come on!

96
00:08:21,200 --> 00:08:23,200
[typewriter clicks]

97
00:08:26,440 --> 00:08:27,960
Who's supervising today, love?

98
00:08:28,040 --> 00:08:30,880
Eric Ellis. You've just missed him.
He's in the canteen.

99

00:08:31,680 --> 00:08:32,760

Eric!

100

00:08:32,840 --> 00:08:34,720

What's up? I'm trying to eat my breakfast.

101

00:08:34,800 --> 00:08:36,800

We've got trouble on seven.

Something's not right.

102

00:08:36,880 --> 00:08:38,920

-What do you mean?

-We should get a safety team up there

103

00:08:39,000 --> 00:08:41,040

-just in case.

-[man 1] You can feel it moving.

104

00:08:41,120 --> 00:08:42,360

Never seen anything like it.

105

00:08:42,440 --> 00:08:43,520

-[Eric] Where?

-[man 2] Tip seven.

106

00:08:43,600 --> 00:08:44,960

[Eric] Christ, is anybody up there?

107

00:08:45,040 --> 00:08:47,040

[man 1] Two lads,

we left them to keep an eye on things.

108

00:08:47,120 --> 00:08:49,960

-Hush, boys. Be quiet!

-[man 2] Someone should check it out.

109

00:08:50,040 --> 00:08:51,840

[rumbling]

110

00:08:58,360 --> 00:09:00,440

[rumbling]

111
00:09:04,760 --> 00:09:05,680
[gasping]

112
00:09:22,960 --> 00:09:24,960
[dogs bark]

113
00:09:32,840 --> 00:09:36,120
On your feet, into a line.
Alphabetical, please.

114
00:09:36,480 --> 00:09:38,600
Quickly and quietly.

115
00:09:44,320 --> 00:09:46,160
-[boy] Sir!
-[teacher] Jesus Christ!

116
00:09:47,040 --> 00:09:48,120
[girl] Sir!

117
00:09:48,520 --> 00:09:49,880
Under the desks, all of you!

118
00:09:49,960 --> 00:09:51,560
-Quickly!
-[screaming]

119
00:09:51,640 --> 00:09:53,400
Please, get under the desks! Now!

120
00:09:53,480 --> 00:09:54,440
[boy] Sir!

121
00:09:54,520 --> 00:09:55,640
[screaming]

122
00:10:03,040 --> 00:10:05,040
[rumbling]

123
00:10:09,760 --> 00:10:12,040

[clicking]

124

00:10:12,520 --> 00:10:15,000

[Wilson]

Where I grew up, not far from here,

125

00:10:15,080 --> 00:10:17,240

if we wanted to buy groceries,

126

00:10:17,320 --> 00:10:19,080

bread and butter and eggs,

127

00:10:19,160 --> 00:10:20,960

we'd go to the local shop.

128

00:10:21,040 --> 00:10:22,880

If we wanted fresh vegetables,

129

00:10:22,960 --> 00:10:26,440

we'd have to go to the open market
in central Huddersfield.

130

00:10:26,520 --> 00:10:29,760

And if we wanted meat or fish
that wasn't in a tin,

131

00:10:30,640 --> 00:10:35,600

we'd have to go to neighboring Milnsbridge
for the butchers and fishmongers.

132

00:10:38,040 --> 00:10:42,480

Then something bigger came along,
which changed everything,

133

00:10:42,560 --> 00:10:45,760

and we were told to call it
a supermarket.

134

00:10:46,400 --> 00:10:48,120

Well, now we have this...

135

00:10:49,080 --> 00:10:51,080

A hypermarket.

136
00:10:51,160 --> 00:10:53,160
[cameras click]

137
00:10:54,080 --> 00:10:56,080
[whispers]

138
00:11:00,960 --> 00:11:05,120
Which is interesting to me
for several reasons.

139
00:11:06,280 --> 00:11:07,880
It's democratic,

140
00:11:08,400 --> 00:11:09,840
it's modern,

141
00:11:10,640 --> 00:11:12,960
and it changes everything.

142
00:11:13,040 --> 00:11:15,880
I'm afraid
you're going to have to excuse me.

143
00:11:16,680 --> 00:11:17,760
Let's go.

144
00:11:22,960 --> 00:11:23,960
What do we know?

145
00:11:25,720 --> 00:11:27,760
[indistinct chatter]

146
00:11:27,840 --> 00:11:29,840
[shouting]

147
00:11:55,320 --> 00:11:56,720
[man] Clear the path!

148
00:12:00,200 --> 00:12:03,400

I'm sorry to interrupt, Your Majesty.
Michael.

149

00:12:03,480 --> 00:12:07,280
Uh, I'm afraid there's been an incident
in a mining village in South Wales.

150

00:12:07,360 --> 00:12:10,080
A coal waste tip collapsed
and slid into a junior school.

151

00:12:10,600 --> 00:12:12,960
It's clear there's been...
significant loss of life.

152

00:12:13,040 --> 00:12:15,160
I would suggest an immediate response.

153

00:12:15,240 --> 00:12:16,520
What kind of response?

154

00:12:16,600 --> 00:12:19,840
A statement of condolence. I've taken
the liberty of doing a quick draft.

155

00:12:19,920 --> 00:12:21,520
-[Adeane] May I?
-Of course.

156

00:12:26,320 --> 00:12:28,640
"I am shocked and distressed

157

00:12:28,720 --> 00:12:32,200
to learn of the terrible disaster
which has taken place at Aberfan.

158

00:12:32,960 --> 00:12:35,160
Please convey a message
of heartfelt sympathy

159

00:12:35,240 --> 00:12:37,880
from my husband and myself
to the children's parents

160
00:12:37,960 --> 00:12:40,320
and to the families
of those who have lost their lives.

161
00:12:40,400 --> 00:12:41,680
Signed, Elizabeth R."

162
00:12:43,200 --> 00:12:46,360
Downing Street has requested the use
of an aircraft of the Queen's flight

163
00:12:46,440 --> 00:12:49,040
so that the PM can visit the site
of the tragedy later today.

164
00:12:49,120 --> 00:12:51,160
-I assume that's a yes?
-[Elizabeth] Of course.

165
00:12:51,240 --> 00:12:54,000
Unless you were planning...
to visit today yourself?

166
00:12:54,520 --> 00:12:57,120
-Why would I go?
-What a question!

167
00:12:57,200 --> 00:13:00,640
The Crown visits hospitals, Martin,
not the scenes of accidents.

168
00:13:03,960 --> 00:13:04,960
Thank you, ma'am.

169
00:13:09,640 --> 00:13:12,600
[Adeane] Ma'am, there's just
one more appointment to confirm today.

170
00:13:12,680 --> 00:13:14,880
A four o'clock reception
for Sir Leslie Fry.

171

00:13:20,320 --> 00:13:22,440
At about eight o'clock this morning,

172

00:13:22,520 --> 00:13:24,800
the local branch
of the National Coal Board

173

00:13:24,880 --> 00:13:26,000
received a report

174

00:13:26,600 --> 00:13:30,080
that a depression had formed
in tip number seven.

175

00:13:30,160 --> 00:13:32,840
-Meaning?
-Uh, it had sunk.

176

00:13:33,400 --> 00:13:35,920
What's it doing sinking like that?
Isn't it solid?

177

00:13:36,040 --> 00:13:37,160
[Marcia] Apparently not.

178

00:13:37,280 --> 00:13:40,440
Not with all the heavy rainfall
that they've been having lately.

179

00:13:40,520 --> 00:13:43,760
It seems... that all that water

180

00:13:43,840 --> 00:13:47,760
turned enough of the coal waste
inside the tip into slurry

181

00:13:47,840 --> 00:13:49,280
to cause the sinkhole.

182

00:13:49,360 --> 00:13:51,240
And then about a quarter past nine,

183
00:13:51,320 --> 00:13:53,840
that liquid waste broke free of the tip,

184
00:13:53,920 --> 00:13:56,160
slid down the mountain
towards the village.

185
00:13:56,920 --> 00:14:01,080
Pantglas Junior School bore the brunt
of it; several houses, too.

186
00:14:01,600 --> 00:14:03,800
And how much coal was in this tip?

187
00:14:03,880 --> 00:14:04,880
Too much.

188
00:14:05,680 --> 00:14:07,800
Three hundred thousand cubic yards.

189
00:14:08,440 --> 00:14:10,440
Plus, guidelines suggest

190
00:14:10,520 --> 00:14:12,880
that tips should be no higher
than 20 feet tall.

191
00:14:13,120 --> 00:14:15,320
Now, this one was over five times that.

192
00:14:18,920 --> 00:14:21,320
Who from the Coal Board is there?

193
00:14:21,400 --> 00:14:23,800
The local supervisor, Eric Ellis.

194
00:14:24,160 --> 00:14:26,120
We're gonna need someone
higher up than that.

195
00:14:26,200 --> 00:14:28,520

What about Lord Robens,
head of the Coal Board?

196

00:14:28,600 --> 00:14:30,880

[Andrew]

He was notified, but he's being invested

197

00:14:30,960 --> 00:14:32,920

as Chancellor of Surrey University today

198

00:14:33,000 --> 00:14:35,280

and saw no reason
to postpone the investiture.

199

00:14:35,360 --> 00:14:36,400

What?

200

00:14:37,520 --> 00:14:39,720

Make sure he's there
by tomorrow morning, will you?

201

00:14:39,800 --> 00:14:42,120

-[Andrew] Yes, sir.
-Now we have to be careful.

202

00:14:42,920 --> 00:14:45,280

This could turn nasty very quickly.

203

00:14:46,800 --> 00:14:47,880

[Andrew] Come on, Harold.

204

00:14:47,960 --> 00:14:51,520

This is an accident caused
by unprecedented rainfall.

205

00:14:51,600 --> 00:14:54,440

-It isn't political.
-Everything is political, Andrew.

206

00:15:03,760 --> 00:15:05,760

[sirens wail]

207

00:15:13,400 --> 00:15:16,240
-[Andrew] What seems to be the problem?
-The road's closed, sir.

208
00:15:16,320 --> 00:15:18,040
-[Andrew] All the way?
-[bobby] All the way.

209
00:15:21,160 --> 00:15:23,040
[Andrew] Sorry, sir. Roads are blocked.

210
00:15:23,120 --> 00:15:26,400
People have been arriving to help all day.
We might struggle to get through.

211
00:15:27,480 --> 00:15:28,480
Then we'll walk.

212
00:15:51,160 --> 00:15:53,200
-[engines rumbling]
-[metal clanking]

213
00:15:56,800 --> 00:15:57,960
[Wilson] Good God.

214
00:16:10,600 --> 00:16:12,400
-Prime Minister.
-Yeah.

215
00:16:20,200 --> 00:16:22,240
Sixty bodies recovered so far.

216
00:16:22,920 --> 00:16:24,320
And counting.

217
00:16:26,680 --> 00:16:28,160
-[whistle]
-[man] Quiet!

218
00:16:28,240 --> 00:16:30,280
-[woman] We heard someone!
-[man] Quiet! Shh!

219
00:16:30,360 --> 00:16:32,160
-[crowd falls silent]
-[engines stop]

220
00:16:58,040 --> 00:16:59,520
Back to work, everyone!

221
00:16:59,600 --> 00:17:01,600
[engines rumble]

222
00:17:03,920 --> 00:17:07,400
[mayor] Every time the whistle blows, it
means they think they've heard something.

223
00:17:07,800 --> 00:17:09,920
Another child trapped
beneath the wreckage.

224
00:17:23,800 --> 00:17:25,520
[man] Mind your step, Prime Minister.

225
00:17:36,880 --> 00:17:38,880
[camera whirs]

226
00:17:41,880 --> 00:17:42,960
[camera clicks]

227
00:17:50,240 --> 00:17:52,240
[cameras click]

228
00:17:57,560 --> 00:17:59,040
[Wilson] I guarantee you...

229
00:18:00,400 --> 00:18:04,760
the highest level independent inquiry
into this tragedy.

230
00:18:06,160 --> 00:18:07,960
All the necessary powers...

231
00:18:09,120 --> 00:18:13,120

will be given to those in charge
to take whatever action they need.

232

00:18:14,400 --> 00:18:16,400
[reporters shout questions]

233

00:18:17,680 --> 00:18:20,280
[reporter] Any other tips
that are a danger to the public?

234

00:18:20,360 --> 00:18:22,760
I have no intention

235

00:18:22,840 --> 00:18:25,080
of adding to anything
I've made in my statement.

236

00:18:25,960 --> 00:18:27,440
[man] It's a bit late now!

237

00:18:28,640 --> 00:18:31,800
We've been telling everyone for years
those tips were dangerous.

238

00:18:38,760 --> 00:18:42,360
[woman] It was a disaster
waiting to happen, and no one listened.

239

00:18:43,800 --> 00:18:46,560
[radio] The number of casualties
in the tip disaster in South Wales

240

00:18:46,640 --> 00:18:47,960
could be as high as 200.

241

00:18:48,040 --> 00:18:51,440
Thirty-six people remain in hospital,
20 bodies have been recovered,

242

00:18:51,520 --> 00:18:55,840
and estimates suggest that as many
as 150 more are still missing,

243

00:18:55,920 --> 00:18:57,320
most of them children.

244

00:19:06,880 --> 00:19:09,920
-What are you doing?
-You haven't heard the news?

245

00:19:10,000 --> 00:19:14,080
No. I-I-I've been at...
Caroline's birthday party.

246

00:19:14,160 --> 00:19:16,560
When you read the papers tomorrow,
you'll understand.

247

00:19:16,640 --> 00:19:17,640
But...

248

00:19:22,880 --> 00:19:24,080
[Wilson sighs]

249

00:19:48,120 --> 00:19:49,200
[breathing heavily]

250

00:19:57,440 --> 00:20:01,360
[radio] Smoke continues to hamper rescue
efforts tonight in the village of Aberfan,

251

00:20:01,440 --> 00:20:02,440
South Wales.

252

00:20:02,520 --> 00:20:05,320
So far, 67 bodies, mostly children,

253

00:20:05,400 --> 00:20:08,760
have been pulled from the wreckage
of Pantglas Junior School,

254

00:20:08,840 --> 00:20:11,880
which was struck by coal waste
from a nearby tip.

255

00:20:11,960 --> 00:20:14,400
Hope remains for many more still missing,

256

00:20:14,480 --> 00:20:17,800
but work to recover bodies
is likely to continue through the night.

257

00:20:17,880 --> 00:20:20,800
The Prime Minister, Harold Wilson,
visited the scene today,

258

00:20:20,880 --> 00:20:24,400
and Buckingham Palace have issued
a statement of sorrow from the Queen.

259

00:20:24,480 --> 00:20:26,960
The message reads,
"I am shocked and distressed

260

00:20:27,040 --> 00:20:30,720
to learn of the terrible disaster
which has taken place at Aberfan.

261

00:20:30,800 --> 00:20:33,440
Please convey a message
of my heartfelt sympathy

262

00:20:33,520 --> 00:20:36,360
from my husband and myself
to the children's parents

263

00:20:36,440 --> 00:20:39,200
and to the families
of those who have lost their lives."

264

00:20:39,840 --> 00:20:43,000
That's the news from us at the moment.
Now back to London.

265

00:20:43,160 --> 00:20:45,080
There will be special reports
during the...

266

00:21:03,480 --> 00:21:05,480
[footsteps approach]

267

00:21:10,920 --> 00:21:12,240
Prime Minister, ma'am.

268

00:21:14,040 --> 00:21:18,200
As of an hour ago, the loss of life
in Aberfan stands at 116.

269

00:21:18,280 --> 00:21:20,720
Now, it appears
that over 80 are still missing.

270

00:21:20,800 --> 00:21:23,760
Thirty-six of the survivors
have been hospitalized.

271

00:21:23,840 --> 00:21:25,040
[Elizabeth] I see.

272

00:21:25,720 --> 00:21:28,000
Are any more victims expected to be found?

273

00:21:28,520 --> 00:21:30,200
[Wilson] Uh, not alive, ma'am.

274

00:21:30,280 --> 00:21:31,480
To make matters worse,

275

00:21:31,560 --> 00:21:34,440
it has been reported that
the north shoulder of tip seven has moved

276

00:21:34,520 --> 00:21:36,960
and the village is ready
for immediate evacuation.

277

00:21:37,040 --> 00:21:39,040
Mechanical diggers are out of action,

278

00:21:39,160 --> 00:21:41,600
bogged down in the soggy mud.

279

00:21:41,680 --> 00:21:43,760
The military have been brought in to help.

280

00:21:44,280 --> 00:21:45,320
Now...

281

00:21:47,040 --> 00:21:48,920
given all this,

282

00:21:49,400 --> 00:21:51,640
I was hoping I might persuade you to go.

283

00:21:55,880 --> 00:21:59,800
One of the most unfortunate things
about being sovereign I have discovered

284

00:21:59,880 --> 00:22:03,520
is that you paralyze
virtually any situation you walk into.

285

00:22:03,600 --> 00:22:06,840
The very last thing
emergency and rescue services need

286

00:22:06,920 --> 00:22:10,000
when they are working against the clock
is a queen turning up.

287

00:22:17,200 --> 00:22:18,720
I'm not sure I agree.

288

00:22:20,400 --> 00:22:21,960
Children have died.

289

00:22:22,920 --> 00:22:24,600
A community is devastated.

290

00:22:27,000 --> 00:22:28,880
What precisely would you have me do?

291
00:22:32,360 --> 00:22:33,640
Well, comfort people.

292
00:22:35,040 --> 00:22:36,320
Put on a show?

293
00:22:36,960 --> 00:22:38,280
The Crown doesn't do that.

294
00:22:41,440 --> 00:22:43,160
I didn't say put on a show.

295
00:22:44,040 --> 00:22:45,600
I said comfort people.

296
00:22:53,040 --> 00:22:54,680
-[presses button]
-[bell rings]

297
00:23:02,360 --> 00:23:03,440
Your Majesty.

298
00:23:04,600 --> 00:23:05,480
[door opens]

299
00:23:16,000 --> 00:23:17,000
[door closes]

300
00:23:30,040 --> 00:23:32,040
[clock chimes]

301
00:23:40,000 --> 00:23:41,760
[Queen Mother] Morning, darling. Tea?

302
00:23:41,840 --> 00:23:44,400
[Margaret] Anyone object
if I had something stronger?

303
00:23:44,560 --> 00:23:47,640
-Coffee?

-No, I was thinking whiskey.

304

00:23:47,720 --> 00:23:50,240

-Margaret, it's nine o'clock.

-Yes, I know.

305

00:23:50,760 --> 00:23:54,400

But it's not morning.

Not in my world, anyway.

306

00:23:55,480 --> 00:23:58,600

Tony called in the small hours,

307

00:23:59,080 --> 00:24:02,440

from a call box

in the middle of nowhere.

308

00:24:02,520 --> 00:24:04,520

-[phone line beeps]

-[coins clatter]

309

00:24:07,280 --> 00:24:08,360

Hello, it's me.

310

00:24:10,280 --> 00:24:12,120

Can you do something for me?

311

00:24:13,240 --> 00:24:15,680

[Margaret] He told me to go

into the children's bedrooms

312

00:24:16,240 --> 00:24:17,360

and kiss them

313

00:24:18,640 --> 00:24:19,800

while they slept.

314

00:24:24,640 --> 00:24:26,480

As soon as he got to Aberfan,

315

00:24:26,560 --> 00:24:28,800

he went straight to the school.

316
00:24:39,280 --> 00:24:41,640
It was... unimaginably awful.

317
00:24:42,400 --> 00:24:43,400
Miners,

318
00:24:44,040 --> 00:24:45,840
used to digging for coal,

319
00:24:46,360 --> 00:24:48,480
now digging to reach their children.

320
00:24:53,400 --> 00:24:55,920
[Tony]
Many of them spent several hours

321
00:24:56,000 --> 00:24:58,240
stuck under the mud beside dead friends.

322
00:24:59,200 --> 00:25:00,400
[Margaret] Buried alive.

323
00:25:01,400 --> 00:25:02,520
Running out of air.

324
00:25:04,800 --> 00:25:06,280
He then went to the mortuary,

325
00:25:07,000 --> 00:25:11,240
where people were waiting
to identify the children's bodies.

326
00:25:12,200 --> 00:25:14,800
Nurses and Salvation Army volunteers,

327
00:25:14,880 --> 00:25:19,400
they were writing a description
of each adult, each child.

328
00:25:20,640 --> 00:25:23,680

Noting any possessions they found

329
00:25:23,760 --> 00:25:25,760
in their pockets, like, like, uh...

330
00:25:26,600 --> 00:25:27,760
a handkerchief or...

331
00:25:28,360 --> 00:25:30,080
sweets, anything,

332
00:25:30,920 --> 00:25:32,480
to help identify them.

333
00:25:36,680 --> 00:25:38,680
[sobbing]

334
00:25:45,520 --> 00:25:48,320
[Tony]
And from there I went to the hospital.

335
00:25:49,680 --> 00:25:51,640
[Margaret] There he comforted a man

336
00:25:52,280 --> 00:25:54,720
who was holding his son's school cap.

337
00:25:56,480 --> 00:25:58,240
After the hospital,

338
00:25:58,320 --> 00:26:01,480
he wanted to walk back to the house
where he was due to stay,

339
00:26:02,400 --> 00:26:03,840
but he carried on walking...

340
00:26:06,760 --> 00:26:08,120
and walking.

341
00:26:09,440 --> 00:26:11,400

I walked and walked and walked.

342

00:26:20,960 --> 00:26:22,800
No, I've never heard him like that.

343

00:26:26,600 --> 00:26:28,400
I hope I never do again.

344

00:26:39,320 --> 00:26:42,440
[councilor] We have Geoffrey Morgan
from the National Coal Board

345

00:26:42,520 --> 00:26:44,160
and George Thomas,

346

00:26:44,240 --> 00:26:47,080
Minister of State for Wales,
here to answer our questions.

347

00:26:47,520 --> 00:26:49,880
Will you both accept responsibility?

348

00:26:49,960 --> 00:26:51,120
Murderers!

349

00:26:52,080 --> 00:26:55,720
The National Coal Board cannot
accept responsibility for the weather!

350

00:26:55,800 --> 00:26:56,800
[man] Rubbish!

351

00:26:56,880 --> 00:27:01,840
[Morgan] Abnormal levels of rainfall
have created extraordinary conditions.

352

00:27:01,960 --> 00:27:05,560
You've known about the spring
under the tip for years!

353

00:27:05,640 --> 00:27:07,920
-I wrote to you!

-So did I!

354

00:27:08,520 --> 00:27:10,800
That's what's caused this, not rainfall!

355

00:27:10,880 --> 00:27:12,400
[woman] And nothing was done!

356

00:27:12,480 --> 00:27:15,760
"Buried alive
by the National Coal Board."

357

00:27:16,280 --> 00:27:19,320
That's what I want to see written
on my child's death certificate!

358

00:27:19,400 --> 00:27:20,440
[shouting]

359

00:27:21,000 --> 00:27:23,000
[woman] What about financial assistance?

360

00:27:23,600 --> 00:27:26,080
We've got people in dire need now!

361

00:27:26,840 --> 00:27:30,160
When's government going to step in? When?

362

00:27:30,720 --> 00:27:33,000
Let us be quite clear.

363

00:27:34,440 --> 00:27:37,240
A dreadful tragedy has taken place.

364

00:27:37,880 --> 00:27:39,800
But blame for that

365

00:27:39,880 --> 00:27:42,640
cannot be placed at the door
of the Labour Party.

366

00:27:42,720 --> 00:27:48,160
Tip number seven was built in 1958
when the Labour Party wasn't in power.

367
00:27:48,240 --> 00:27:50,040
[shouting]

368
00:27:50,120 --> 00:27:53,720
I had a visit today
from certain members of the Cabinet.

369
00:27:55,040 --> 00:27:56,480
No need to tell me who.

370
00:27:56,560 --> 00:27:59,200
Who are concerned
that this is all turning political.

371
00:27:59,280 --> 00:28:01,400
[Wilson] Of course it's turning political.

372
00:28:02,240 --> 00:28:05,520
[Marcia] And they want you to do something
to deflect the blame.

373
00:28:05,880 --> 00:28:10,080
Their view is if the Labour government
pay the price for this tragedy,

374
00:28:10,160 --> 00:28:13,640
and the Tories make political capital
from it, it would be obscene

375
00:28:13,720 --> 00:28:14,920
and a betrayal,

376
00:28:15,000 --> 00:28:17,120
not just of the people of South Wales,

377
00:28:17,200 --> 00:28:19,240
but of all of us in the movement.

378

00:28:19,320 --> 00:28:21,840
We've been waiting for this
for too long, Harold.

379

00:28:22,440 --> 00:28:24,680
Thirteen years in opposition,

380

00:28:24,760 --> 00:28:27,640
and now we're finally in power,
in government.

381

00:28:27,920 --> 00:28:29,480
We cannot allow ourselves

382

00:28:29,600 --> 00:28:32,240
to be crucified
on the altar of public opinion

383

00:28:32,320 --> 00:28:34,320
over something that isn't our fault.

384

00:28:34,920 --> 00:28:38,360
Hmm, when people are angry,
they throw stones at their leaders.

385

00:28:38,440 --> 00:28:41,080
Then it's a duty
not just to deflect that anger,

386

00:28:41,160 --> 00:28:43,640
but to show solidarity
with our supporters.

387

00:28:43,720 --> 00:28:44,720
How?

388

00:28:45,360 --> 00:28:48,200
-This is grief, Marcia.
-It's injustice.

389

00:28:48,640 --> 00:28:50,760
It's just another
in a long list of injustices.

390

00:28:50,840 --> 00:28:53,000
No, it's parents grieving their children.

391

00:28:53,880 --> 00:28:57,320
It's also cold-hearted refusal
to accept responsibility

392

00:28:57,400 --> 00:29:00,680
by the people who are to blame,
the Tories.

393

00:29:00,760 --> 00:29:02,800
And now they're making us the scapegoats.

394

00:29:02,880 --> 00:29:05,520
Well, what do you want me to do about it?

395

00:29:05,600 --> 00:29:06,600
[lighter clicks]

396

00:29:06,680 --> 00:29:08,920
[Marcia] Make sure they take the blame!

397

00:29:09,000 --> 00:29:12,840
And if you can't blame it on the Tories,
and you won't press it in the House,

398

00:29:12,920 --> 00:29:15,800
and you can't go after the NCB
until the tribunal is over,

399

00:29:15,880 --> 00:29:21,280
then perhaps we should look
for another establishment figure

400

00:29:21,360 --> 00:29:23,280
to deflect negative attention.

401

00:29:24,680 --> 00:29:25,720
Who?

402
00:29:26,960 --> 00:29:29,760
-[Marcia] Her!
-The Queen?

403
00:29:30,600 --> 00:29:33,640
Well, you must admit
her behavior is symptomatic

404
00:29:33,720 --> 00:29:35,360
of establishment neglect.

405
00:29:35,440 --> 00:29:37,760
Her behavior is unfortunate.

406
00:29:39,280 --> 00:29:41,960
-You went to see her today, didn't you?
-Yes.

407
00:29:42,520 --> 00:29:44,520
[Marcia] And you asked her again to go?

408
00:29:44,600 --> 00:29:45,680
Yes.

409
00:29:46,520 --> 00:29:48,000
[Marcia] And what did she say?

410
00:29:48,080 --> 00:29:50,080
"The Crown doesn't go."

411
00:29:51,000 --> 00:29:52,680
[Wilson] Something like that.

412
00:29:52,760 --> 00:29:55,320
The Duke of Edinburgh is now going.

413
00:29:55,400 --> 00:29:57,560
They pulled him away
from some duck shoot.

414
00:29:58,800 --> 00:30:00,080

Yes, but she isn't?

415

00:30:00,600 --> 00:30:03,040
Perhaps there's good reason for that.

416

00:30:03,120 --> 00:30:06,600
Maybe she finds that kind
of situation difficult.

417

00:30:07,400 --> 00:30:10,320
Losing your children is difficult!

418

00:30:11,520 --> 00:30:14,640
Losing brothers and sisters is difficult!

419

00:30:15,640 --> 00:30:19,920
Living in a mining village where
the Coal Board abandons you is difficult!

420

00:30:20,000 --> 00:30:21,640
And instead of sticking the knife in her

421

00:30:21,720 --> 00:30:24,840
and allowing us all to vent our anger
at someone cold-hearted,

422

00:30:24,920 --> 00:30:27,200
you'd sooner let your own team
take the blame!

423

00:30:27,280 --> 00:30:29,560
You're pathetic! You disgust me!

424

00:30:29,640 --> 00:30:30,800
So you keep telling me.

425

00:30:30,880 --> 00:30:33,360
If you ever want to be a real leader,

426

00:30:33,440 --> 00:30:36,320
a real man, a real socialist,

427
00:30:36,400 --> 00:30:38,400
you're going to have to grow some balls!

428
00:30:41,120 --> 00:30:45,720
[TV] The NCB is a creation
of the Labour Party.

429
00:30:45,800 --> 00:30:48,280
[crowd cheers]

430
00:30:48,360 --> 00:30:52,320
This is a government-made disaster!

431
00:30:52,400 --> 00:30:53,640
[cheering]

432
00:30:53,720 --> 00:30:55,360
Take responsibility!

433
00:31:17,280 --> 00:31:20,120
-Is this the school just here?
-This is the school, yes.

434
00:31:41,640 --> 00:31:43,320
[sighs]

435
00:31:44,760 --> 00:31:46,520
[church bell rings]

436
00:31:46,600 --> 00:31:49,920
[bishop] And God shall wipe away
all tears from their eyes.

437
00:31:51,960 --> 00:31:53,920
And there shall be no more death.

438
00:31:55,760 --> 00:31:57,680
Neither sorrow nor crying.

439
00:31:58,800 --> 00:32:01,240
Neither shall there be any more pain.

440
00:32:03,640 --> 00:32:06,840
For the former things are passed away.

441
00:32:08,760 --> 00:32:10,240
[church bell rings]

442
00:32:10,800 --> 00:32:13,560
Fear not, for I am with thee.

443
00:32:14,080 --> 00:32:16,160
He shall feed His flock like a shepherd.

444
00:32:17,640 --> 00:32:19,920
He shall gather the lambs with His arms

445
00:32:20,800 --> 00:32:22,440
and carry them in His bosom

446
00:32:23,160 --> 00:32:26,280
and shall gently lead
those that are with young.

447
00:32:27,080 --> 00:32:30,280
And the streets of the city
shall be full of boys and girls

448
00:32:30,360 --> 00:32:32,160
playing in the streets thereof.

449
00:32:33,480 --> 00:32:36,960
"And they shall be mine,"
said the Lord of Hosts.

450
00:32:38,440 --> 00:32:40,920
In that day when I make up my jewels.

451
00:32:41,920 --> 00:32:43,360
And I will spare them,

452
00:32:44,080 --> 00:32:47,360

as a man spareth his own son
that serveth him.

453

00:32:49,320 --> 00:32:53,840
I saw four angels standing
on the four corners of the Earth.

454

00:32:55,400 --> 00:32:57,200
I heard a voice from Heaven.

455

00:33:02,040 --> 00:33:07,640
♪ Jesu, lover of my soul ♪

456

00:33:07,720 --> 00:33:13,080
♪ Let me to Thy bosom fly ♪

457

00:33:13,160 --> 00:33:18,800
♪ While the nearer waters roll ♪

458

00:33:18,880 --> 00:33:23,880
♪ While the tempest still is high ♪

459

00:33:24,520 --> 00:33:30,440
♪ Other refuge have I none ♪

460

00:33:30,520 --> 00:33:36,120
♪ Hangs my helpless soul on Thee ♪

461

00:33:36,200 --> 00:33:41,800
♪ Leave, oh, leave me not alone ♪

462

00:33:41,880 --> 00:33:47,880
♪ Still support and comfort me ♪

463

00:33:47,960 --> 00:33:53,840
♪ All my trust on Thee is stayed ♪

464

00:33:53,920 --> 00:33:59,600
♪ All my help from Thee I bring ♪

465

00:33:59,680 --> 00:34:02,320

[singing fades]

466

00:34:51,880 --> 00:34:54,600

-How was it?

-Extraordinary.

467

00:34:57,960 --> 00:35:00,080

The grief, the anger,

468

00:35:00,160 --> 00:35:02,640

at the government,
at the Coal Board, but...

469

00:35:03,640 --> 00:35:05,120

at God, too.

470

00:35:06,520 --> 00:35:09,440

Eighty-one children were buried today.

471

00:35:10,840 --> 00:35:15,680

The rage, in all the faces,
behind all the eyes.

472

00:35:16,400 --> 00:35:20,040

They didn't smash things up.
They didn't fight in the streets.

473

00:35:21,880 --> 00:35:23,120

What did they do?

474

00:35:23,600 --> 00:35:27,000

[Philip] They sang. The whole community.

475

00:35:27,920 --> 00:35:32,320

It's... it's the most astonishing thing
I've... I've ever heard.

476

00:35:37,960 --> 00:35:39,200

Did you weep?

477

00:35:42,200 --> 00:35:43,320

Did I weep?

478

00:35:47,560 --> 00:35:49,200
What kind of question is that?

479

00:35:50,320 --> 00:35:52,040
Just a question. Did you weep?

480

00:35:54,440 --> 00:35:55,800
I might have wept, yes.

481

00:35:56,720 --> 00:35:58,720
Are you going to tell me
it was inappropriate?

482

00:35:59,920 --> 00:36:04,480
And the fact is
anyone who heard that hymn today

483

00:36:04,560 --> 00:36:05,920
would not just have wept...

484

00:36:09,480 --> 00:36:12,160
they would've been broken
into a thousand tiny pieces.

485

00:36:30,920 --> 00:36:32,920
[scribbling]

486

00:36:34,360 --> 00:36:36,360
[sighs] Right.

487

00:36:40,000 --> 00:36:40,920
I see.

488

00:36:41,960 --> 00:36:43,360
Thank you for letting me know.

489

00:36:46,760 --> 00:36:47,920
[sighs]

490

00:36:48,000 --> 00:36:51,440

[Adeane] We've had a tip-off
from a friendly newspaper editor

491

00:36:51,960 --> 00:36:53,400
that the government,

492

00:36:53,480 --> 00:36:56,120
determined not to take the blame
for Aberfan,

493

00:36:56,520 --> 00:37:01,240
have decided to refocus the subject
of the national conversation

494

00:37:02,560 --> 00:37:05,800
and has briefed newspapers that...

495

00:37:07,960 --> 00:37:11,040
"One person has been conspicuously
absent from Aberfan,

496

00:37:11,120 --> 00:37:12,200
and that is our Queen.

497

00:37:13,080 --> 00:37:15,840
The scandalous lack of care and interest,

498

00:37:15,920 --> 00:37:18,880
one can only assume it is that,
by our head of state

499

00:37:19,840 --> 00:37:23,200
is symptomatic of a lack of care
from the traditional establishment,

500

00:37:23,280 --> 00:37:27,800
not just for the people of Wales,
but for the whole working class."

501

00:37:36,560 --> 00:37:38,840
And the Prime Minister gave that
his blessing?

502

00:37:40,600 --> 00:37:43,080
Well, I think we have to assume so.

503

00:38:15,920 --> 00:38:20,040
[Charteris] On arrival at RAF St. Athan,
you will be received

504

00:38:20,120 --> 00:38:22,560
by Sir Cennydd Traherne,
Lord Lieutenant of Glamorgan,

505

00:38:22,640 --> 00:38:26,840
and taken via car
to the school disaster site in Aberfan.

506

00:38:28,800 --> 00:38:30,480
Then on to the Bethania Chapel

507

00:38:30,560 --> 00:38:34,520
for the presentation of the heroes
and survivors of the disaster.

508

00:38:35,240 --> 00:38:37,360
There will then be a visit
to the cemetery,

509

00:38:37,440 --> 00:38:38,840
where you will lay a wreath.

510

00:38:39,840 --> 00:38:42,520
And finally,
a visit to the home of a local miner,

511

00:38:42,600 --> 00:38:45,960
Thomas Edwards,
who lost relatives in the disaster

512

00:38:46,040 --> 00:38:49,800
and scheduled conversations
with several other grieving families.

513

00:38:51,120 --> 00:38:54,400

The whole trip should be
approximately two and a half hours.

514

00:38:55,040 --> 00:38:58,240
Without wishing to prompt,
Your Majesty,

515

00:38:58,320 --> 00:39:02,240
you may wish to consider
that this is Wales, not England.

516

00:39:02,760 --> 00:39:06,760
A display of emotion would not just
be considered appropriate,

517

00:39:07,880 --> 00:39:09,280
it's expected.

518

00:39:17,760 --> 00:39:19,760
[music plays over dialogue]

519

00:39:42,040 --> 00:39:44,040
[cameras click]

520

00:41:41,320 --> 00:41:45,360
This is Councilor Ellis,
who lost seven relatives.

521

00:41:45,440 --> 00:41:47,200
-Seven?
-Yes, ma'am.

522

00:41:47,280 --> 00:41:50,240
-Three children and four nephews.
-I'm so sorry.

523

00:41:51,960 --> 00:41:56,920
Karen and Alun Jenkins, ma'am,
who lost their son, Ewan,

524

00:41:57,000 --> 00:42:01,760
and his four cousins,
Tegwen, Bryn, Mair, and Ben.

525

00:42:02,920 --> 00:42:03,960

Sorry.

526

00:42:04,720 --> 00:42:08,640

Thomas and Gwen Edwards, ma'am,
whose home this is.

527

00:42:08,720 --> 00:42:11,480

They lost their two children, and, uh...

528

00:42:12,360 --> 00:42:14,080

this is Howell, Gwen's father,

529

00:42:15,080 --> 00:42:18,280

who managed to rescue
one of the grandchildren.

530

00:42:18,360 --> 00:42:19,520

Sarah.

531

00:42:20,240 --> 00:42:21,920

She has something for you, ma'am.

532

00:42:24,680 --> 00:42:25,960

Thank you.

533

00:42:26,040 --> 00:42:28,800

From the remaining children of Aberfan.

534

00:42:30,280 --> 00:42:33,040

-Thank you.

-You're welcome.

535

00:42:49,840 --> 00:42:52,000

[cameras click]

536

00:42:58,920 --> 00:43:01,400

[woman] We're so glad to have you here,
Your Majesty.

537

00:43:04,360 --> 00:43:06,600
[Elizabeth] I can only imagine.
I'm so sorry.

538
00:43:10,480 --> 00:43:11,520
That's very lovely.

539
00:43:13,400 --> 00:43:14,880
Do you all live on this road?

540
00:43:14,960 --> 00:43:16,960
[music plays over dialogue]

541
00:43:39,880 --> 00:43:42,280
The Duke of Edinburgh said the families

542
00:43:42,360 --> 00:43:44,320
sung a hymn
when they buried their children.

543
00:43:45,160 --> 00:43:46,360
Yes, ma'am.

544
00:43:48,360 --> 00:43:50,080
Is there any way I might hear it?

545
00:43:50,840 --> 00:43:52,760
I'm sure we can find a recording.

546
00:43:55,120 --> 00:43:57,360
And ask the Prime Minister
to come and see me

547
00:43:57,440 --> 00:43:58,840
as soon as possible.

548
00:43:58,920 --> 00:44:00,000
[Charteris] Yes, ma'am.

549
00:44:35,440 --> 00:44:37,400
-[presses button]
-[bell rings]

550

00:44:39,120 --> 00:44:40,840
[footsteps approach]

551

00:44:41,560 --> 00:44:43,320
[door opens]

552

00:44:47,480 --> 00:44:49,160
The Prime Minister, Your Majesty.

553

00:44:50,600 --> 00:44:51,840
Your Majesty.

554

00:44:53,960 --> 00:44:55,080
[door closes]

555

00:45:02,480 --> 00:45:06,120
Churchill would have had the character
to do it face to face.

556

00:45:07,040 --> 00:45:09,480
Come to think of it,
so would Anthony Eden.

557

00:45:09,560 --> 00:45:11,160
And Harold Macmillan.

558

00:45:12,080 --> 00:45:16,320
Each of them would have had the courage
to express their anger to me directly.

559

00:45:16,400 --> 00:45:20,560
None of them would ever have resorted
to going behind my back like that.

560

00:45:23,440 --> 00:45:26,400
I have it on authority
you tipped off journalists

561

00:45:26,480 --> 00:45:29,360
that I was letting the side down
by not going to Aberfan.

562

00:45:30,480 --> 00:45:32,600

-Never.

-It wasn't you?

563

00:45:32,680 --> 00:45:33,760

No, ma'am.

564

00:45:36,800 --> 00:45:40,680

But... perhaps one or two
of my colleagues,

565

00:45:41,160 --> 00:45:43,880

concerned at the anger
being directed at the government--

566

00:45:43,960 --> 00:45:47,360

Broke ranks?

Took matters into their own hands?

567

00:45:51,160 --> 00:45:52,160

It's possible.

568

00:46:04,040 --> 00:46:05,360

Perhaps they're right.

569

00:46:06,840 --> 00:46:09,320

The people of Aberfan deserved
a prompt response.

570

00:46:09,480 --> 00:46:10,720

They didn't get one.

571

00:46:11,320 --> 00:46:13,640

They deserved a display of compassion,

572

00:46:13,720 --> 00:46:15,480

of empathy from their Queen.

573

00:46:15,560 --> 00:46:16,880

And they got it yesterday.

574

00:46:17,760 --> 00:46:18,760
They got nothing.

575

00:46:19,400 --> 00:46:22,680
I dabbed a bone-dry eye,
and by some miracle, no one noticed.

576

00:46:32,920 --> 00:46:34,400
After the Blitz,

577

00:46:35,040 --> 00:46:36,440
when we visited hospitals,

578

00:46:37,640 --> 00:46:40,440
I saw what my parents,
the King and Queen, saw.

579

00:46:41,280 --> 00:46:42,480
They wept.

580

00:46:43,440 --> 00:46:44,560
I couldn't.

581

00:46:46,120 --> 00:46:49,520
Well, you... you were a child.
What do you expect?

582

00:46:49,600 --> 00:46:51,040
[Elizabeth] Not just as a child.

583

00:46:51,880 --> 00:46:53,560
When my grandmother, Queen Mary,

584

00:46:55,040 --> 00:46:56,440
whom I loved very much,

585

00:46:57,680 --> 00:46:58,960
when she died...

586

00:47:02,120 --> 00:47:03,160
nothing.

587

00:47:05,680 --> 00:47:08,800
Well, she had been ill a long time.
It had been expected.

588

00:47:09,160 --> 00:47:11,000
When I had my first child,

589

00:47:11,080 --> 00:47:13,480
a moment of such significance
for every mother...

590

00:47:24,000 --> 00:47:26,880
I have known for some time
there is something wrong with me.

591

00:47:28,520 --> 00:47:29,720
Not wrong.

592

00:47:30,120 --> 00:47:31,520
Deficient, then.

593

00:47:32,280 --> 00:47:35,120
How else would you describe it
when something is missing?

594

00:47:40,840 --> 00:47:42,960
These meetings are confidential, yes?

595

00:47:46,800 --> 00:47:50,600
I have never done a day's manual work
in my life.

596

00:47:51,320 --> 00:47:52,320
Not one.

597

00:47:52,760 --> 00:47:56,400
I am an academic,
a privileged Oxford don,

598

00:47:57,280 --> 00:47:58,440
not a worker.

599

00:47:59,920 --> 00:48:03,320
I don't like beer. I prefer brandy.

600

00:48:04,520 --> 00:48:06,920
I prefer wild salmon to tinned salmon.

601

00:48:07,920 --> 00:48:10,560
Chateaubriand to steak and kidney pie.

602

00:48:12,920 --> 00:48:14,960
And I don't like pipe smoking.

603

00:48:16,240 --> 00:48:18,520
I far prefer cigars.

604

00:48:19,480 --> 00:48:23,320
But cigars are a symbol
of capitalist privilege.

605

00:48:23,800 --> 00:48:25,760
So, I smoke a pipe,

606

00:48:26,320 --> 00:48:28,360
on the campaign trail and on television.

607

00:48:30,240 --> 00:48:33,040
Makes me more... approachable.

608

00:48:33,520 --> 00:48:34,360
Hmm.

609

00:48:35,400 --> 00:48:36,440
Likable.

610

00:48:40,360 --> 00:48:43,640
We can't be everything to everyone
and still be true to ourselves.

611

00:48:46,920 --> 00:48:50,120
We do what we have to do as leaders.

That's our job.

612

00:48:51,760 --> 00:48:54,920
Our job is to calm more crises
than we create.

613

00:48:56,200 --> 00:48:59,200
That's our job,
and you do it very well indeed.

614

00:49:01,760 --> 00:49:05,840
And in a way,
your absence of emotion is a blessing.

615

00:49:07,360 --> 00:49:10,280
No one needs hysteria
from a head of state.

616

00:49:14,360 --> 00:49:15,680
And the truth is,

617

00:49:16,360 --> 00:49:18,040
we barely need humanity.

618

00:49:33,960 --> 00:49:35,000
Prime Minister.

619

00:49:38,600 --> 00:49:39,720
Your Majesty.

620

00:49:48,440 --> 00:49:49,720
[door opens]

621

00:49:52,320 --> 00:49:53,520
[door closes]

622

00:50:18,520 --> 00:50:21,080
[vinyl crackles]

623

00:50:29,000 --> 00:50:33,720
[choir] ♪ Jesu, lover of my soul ♪

624

00:50:34,360 --> 00:50:39,480

♪ Let me to Thy bosom fly ♪

625

00:50:40,120 --> 00:50:45,640

♪ While the nearer waters roll ♪

626

00:50:46,000 --> 00:50:51,840

♪ While the tempest still is high ♪

627

00:50:51,920 --> 00:50:57,400

♪ Other refuge have I none ♪

628

00:50:57,800 --> 00:51:03,200

♪ Hangs my helpless soul on Thee ♪

629

00:51:03,680 --> 00:51:09,280

♪ Leave, oh, leave me not alone ♪

630

00:51:09,360 --> 00:51:14,760

♪ Still support and comfort me... ♪

631

00:51:15,480 --> 00:51:17,640

[singing fades]

632

00:53:47,200 --> 00:53:49,680

[bell rings]

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