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# The Hired Man

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The Pavilion Theatre, Exmouth  
Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th August 2015

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## The Hired Man

A story of folk working on the land in Cumbria at the end of the 19th Century, the hopes and dreams of a young couple, John and Emily, starting out on their married life and the challenges their relationship faces, as he dedicates himself to his work whilst she is left home alone, open to the persuasive attentions of another man, Jackson. John allows himself to be diverted by his flamboyant brother, Isaac and the two go hunting whilst Emily and Jackson meet in secret. On John's return he suspects that Emily has been deceiving him. Emily chooses John over Jackson, who joins the army.

John and Emily have two children May and Harry, and by the time they reach their teens the family has moved to the mines of Whitehaven, where John now joins his brother Seth underground. Life for the miners could be improved by the beginnings of the Union movement, but work is interrupted by the start of the Great War and the men go off to fight. Harry, lies about his age and joins up. Whilst the brothers survive, Harry does not come home. Jackson too is killed in an act of bravery. Meanwhile Emily becomes unwell. The loss of Harry takes its toll on her. John and Seth return to the mines but disaster strikes and John is in danger. Emily cannot take the pressure and passes away before she knows that John is safe.

John decides to turn his back on the mine and go back to where he started on the land, once more a Hired Man.

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