

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Narrative Organization

Sunday--Description of Church and John's family

Saturday—John's birthday

John in bed
Breakfast and house cleaning "dust"
Walking streets
Movie theater
Roy stabbed
Florence as truth teller
Start of Tarry Service

Florence

Florence is Deborah's friend
Florence, in the south, walks out
Back to Tarry Service
Frank's Story
Frank leaves Florence
Back to Tarry Service
Flashback to scene in Frank and Florence's bedroom where letter and its contents are revealed.
Tarry Service

Gabriel

Back to Tarry Service
Esther's Story
Back to Tarry Service
Royal's Death Revealed
Back to Tarry Service

Elizabeth's Prayer

Elizabeth's mother is passive and dies, Elizabeth reared by harsh aunt
Richard
smoothly seduces Elizabeth and takes her away from her aunt and the South
Richard is worldly and thoughtful and introduces Elizabeth to the same values
John is conceived in outside world
Richard is wrongly arrested, cuts wrists.
Back to Tarry Service
Florence and Elizabeth become friends.
Deborah dies. Gabriel comes north. Immediately seduces Elizabeth through religion.

The Threshing Floor

At bottom of pit, John encounters his father beating him
Vision of futility of Christianity and the endless Dante-like repetition

Sunday Morning Walking Home

Conversation among women
Conversation between Florence and Gabriel
Conversation between John and Elijah