

Uncle Tom's Cabin outline

Vol. I

I: Shelby and Haley: the need to trade off Tom and Harry, Eliza's son

II: Eliza's husband George Harris

III: Eliza and George: his plans to run

IV: Uncle Tom's cabin, his family: cooking, worship, music.

V: Mr. & Mrs. Shelby on the sale: Eliza overhears, flees.

VI: Eliza gone: Sam and Andy "help" Haley get horses.

VII: Eliza in flight, by banks of Ohio; Tom and Chloe on Haley; Haley, Sam and Andy in pursuit; Eliza crosses the river on the ice.

VIII: Haley finds accomplices in tavern, plots; Sam brings home news of Eliza's escape.

IX: Senator and Mrs. Bird on fugitive slave laws; they give refuge to Eliza, and take her on to John Van Trompe's house.

X: Tom leaves his family, taken off by Haley.

XI: Men in tavern discuss slavery, as bad for productivity; George and Mr. Wilson (former employer) on his reasons for flight & his resolution.

XII: Haley and Tom at the slave auction; passengers on riverboat discuss morality of slavery; Lucy sold, child sold, her suicide; author's appeal re slave trade.

XIII: Eliza with the Quakers; George arrives with Jim and Jim's mother; plans for their further flight.

XIV: Tom on the Mississippi, with his Bible; the St. Clare family; Tom attaches Evangeline; her father buys him.

XV: background on Augustine St. Clare and his wife Marie St. Clare; his cousin Ophelia St. Clare, New England spinster, & how the south is viewed in the north. Arrival at the St. Clare mansion in New Orleans; Ophelia's prejudice; St. Clare's household relations.

XVI: The St. Clares discuss relations with their slaves; Eva and Tom's friendship; Marie goes to church, and the family discusses religion.

XVII: News that slave-catchers are in hot pursuit of Harris party; discussion of violent and non-violent action; they leave with Phineas; violent confrontation with slave-catchers; Tom Loker left wounded w/ Quaker woman, Harris and Selden escapees continue on their way.

XVIII: Tom and Ophelia in the St. Clare household: temperance, thrift, order, honesty; story of old Pru; society of quadroon servants. Tom tells Eva, who grieves.