

Our Town Reading Prompts/Notes 4 –
Our Town, Act 3

1. How are the dead described in the beginning of Act III?
2. What signs does the Stage Manager give to signify the passage of time?
3. How would you characterize the Stage Manager's tone as he talks about the people who visit the cemetery? What does he believe this illustrates about humanity?
4. The Stage Manager says that "*something* is eternal... about every human being." To what is he referring?
5. How is the beginning of Act III different from the beginnings of Acts I and II? What is the effect of this difference?
6. What does Mrs. Soames mean when she declares that life was "awful" and "wonderful"?