

1852 - pub 1862

Big Q's

What is the meaning or moral?

Whether we're able to be something that we're not

Can Russians become a Cossack / Can Olenin become Cossack? No.

Can't unlive his life

Beletsky can become Cossack

Olenin doesn't fit, never happy

Stop thinking so much

You can think yourself back into innocence

Olenin had no chance

To be happy...

Sacrifice is immune to luck

Sacrifice is best

O's Long Letter

Stag's Lair Scene

→ sacrifice

→ horse

Party Scene

≈ tone? Makes Olenin better

Beletsky = happy, morally bad / Vstrenka have fun before you get married

Russians vs. Cossacks morally better?

O wants to be like Luke, wants to be least like Beletsky

innocent standards & fallen standards

Cossacks are better

genuine

impulsive

father of Maryanka artificial, teacher in Russia, negative

Luke astonished by O's wealth

Olenin listens more carefully, respectful, good

Cossacks have been killed, Mar in crisis ← MY FAULT

suggests to take wounded back (never considered)

Olenin / Olen' = stag, growing morally and emotionally, like being a Cossack

stops being selfish, everything wants something, always at odds, circle of life

Next is on self-sacrifice