# GONE WITH THE WIND- Scene 1: the opening scene

**NB :** *Gone with The Wind* is one of the most famous book about the Southern way of life. Very controversial because despite it being about the American Civil War and the Southern particularities, slavery is described as a caring and welcomed way of life. It was turned into a very successful movie in which Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh were the main characters.

Scarlett O'hara is the stereotype of the rebel Southern Belle. Both completly matching the expectations and yet rebellious against this way of living which allowed her to make it out of the after Secession War.

Tara is the beautiful homeland of Scarlett, who is now talking with the twins, Brent and Stew, at the door step.)

BRENT:What do we care if we were expelled from college, Scarlett. The war is going to start any day now so we would have left college anyhow.

STEW:Oh, isn't it exciting, Scarlett? You know those poor Yankees actually want a war?

BRENT:We'll show 'em.

SCARLETT:Fiddle-dee-dee. War, war, war. This war talk is spoiling all the fun at every party this spring. I get so bored I could scream. Besides, there isn't going to be any war.

BRENT:Not going to be any war?

STEW:Ah, buddy, of course there's going to be a war.

SCARLETT:If either of you boys says "war" just once again, I'll go in the house and slam the door.

BRENT:But Scarlett honey..

STEW:Don't you want us to have a war?

BRENT:Wait a minute, Scarlett…

STEW:We'll talk about this...

BRENT:No please, we'll do anything you say…

SCARLETT:Well-but remember I warned you.

BRENT:I've got an idea. We'll talk about the barbecue the Wilkes are giving over at Twelve Oaks tomorrow.

STEW:That's a good idea. You're eating barbecue with us, aren't you, Scarlett?

SCARLETT:Well, I hadn't thought about that yet, I'll...I'll think about that tomorrow.

STEW:And we want all your waltzes, there's first Brent, then me, then Brent, then me again, then Saul. Promise?

SCARLETT:I just love to.

STEW:Yahoo!

SCARLETT:If only ..if only I didn't have every one of them taken already.

BRENT:Honey, you can't do that to us.

STEW:How about if we tell you a secret?

SCARLETT:Secret? Who by?

BRENT:Well, you know Miss Melanie Hamilton, from Atlanta?

STEW:Ashley Wilkes' cousin? Well she's visiting the Wilkes at Twelve Oaks.

SCARLETT:Melanie Hamilton, that goody-goody. Who wants no secret about her.

BRENT:Well, anyway we heard…

STEW:That is, they say..

BRENT:Ashley Wilkes is going to marry her.

STEW:You know the Wilkes always marry their cousins.

BRENT : Now do we get those waltzes?

SCARLETT:Of course.

BRENT:Yahoo!

SCARLETT:It can't be true...Ashley loves me.

STEW:Scarlett!

(Scarlett couldn't accept the fact of Ashley's marriage, she rushes to find her father. Mr. O'Hara is just back from a ride.)