©CIL 17096 "THE SPIRIT OF THE LAKE"

Tom Santschi appears as Dan Blake, a man who had lived too long in the lonely solitude of the mountains and lakes. Ruth Stonehouse is seen as Mary, a trailer of the night, who searches tirelessly for Jim Clayton. Finding him, she begs for his company, but is cast aside as the man goes on his way. Jim finally encounters Jeff Rawlins, a pioneer from Kentucky, and his daughter, Peggy, played by Bessie Love. As they are following the same trail as he, Jim decides to accompany them.

Meanwhile, Dan Blake is almost conquered by the solitude of the country of vast silence when Mary appears. He helps her to his cabin and seeing that she is on the verge of collapse, nurses her back to health. Dan realizes that he has come to care deeply for Mary and begs her to marry him. When the girl says that he knows nothing of her past he silences her with words of love and they are married.

At Pine Lake the Rawlins, with Jim, pitch camp. Peggy takes a great liking to the young man, while he has his eyes on the map of a gold claim in Jeff Rawlins' possession. Stealing the map, he gets on his horse and rides away, followed by the vigilant Peggy. Before she is able to overtake him, he arrives at the cabin of Dan Blake where he meets Mary. Dan walks in just in time to find his wife in Jim's arms and denounces her. At the same time, Peggy enters and faces the thief. The climax is furnished by Jim telling that Mary is his sister, and Peggy, because of her great love for him, forgives the theft and all ends happily.

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