

Orson Welles: The Third Man (1949): The Cuckoo Clock Speech

[The Third Man](#) is a 1949 British film directed by Carol Reed and starring Joseph Cotten, Alida Valli, Orson Welles, and Trevor Howard. Many critics rank it as a masterpiece for its atmospheric cinematography, performances, and musical score.

The entire script can be found at the [here at the DailyScript.com website](#). You can also find out more about the Cuckoo Clock speech here on [Wikipedia](#).

HARRY (Orson Welles): : After all, it's not that awful...

Remember what the fellow said...

...in Italy, for thirty years under the Borgias, they had warfare, terror, murder, bloodshed, but they produced Michaelangelo – Leonardo Da Vinci, and the Renaissance...

In Switzerland, they had brotherly love. They had five hundred years of democracy and peace, and what did that produce?...The cuckoo clock. So long, Holly.