**The Cone Gatherers – Historical Setting**

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| **QUOTATION** | **ANALYSIS** |
| “A destroyer had steamed seawards, with a sailor singing cheerfully” | The start of the novel contrasts with the peacefulness of the nature.  This quote tells us that the novel is set in the war as it states there is a “destroyer” – warship. |
| “A warship steamed down the loch” | At the end of the novel we realise that the warship has returned and we also acknowledge that there is a circular structure to the novel, as the war is always present. |
| “Never had the loch been so potently beautiful” | This contrasts with the quote above. Just like the start of the novel, the surroundings are beautiful. Yet the war takes the naturalness away from the surroundings.  Potently – means having a great power or influence, therefore the loch is so beautiful it’s overwhelming.  Throughout the novel the war is happening from start to finish. We know this as at the start of the novel it tells us about the warship and it also tell us this at the end of the novel. Therefore nothing has actually changed in the outside world. |
| “He had read that the Germans were putting idiots and cripples to death in gas chambers. Outwardly, as everybody expected, he commanded such barbarity”  “Duror had been repelled by anything loving, that had an imperfection or deformity or lack”. | The war is having a huge effect on the character Duror as he sympathises with the Nazi’. This is even more disturbing as Durors wife has a deformity.  ← We know that Duror agrees with the Nazi’ because of the quote. Page 12-13  Also this quote shows why he hates Calum so much, because of his disability. Duror hates deformities; he has since he was young. |
| “But it was a heaven where there must be rank on earth. It was beyond God’s ingenuity to have an equality that would work” | Lady Runcie Campbell’s husband believes that, even in heaven people are going to be treated different depending on people’s class status. |