



# AN INSPECTOR CALLS

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**BIRLING'S PREDICTIONS FOR THE  
FUTURE FROM THE OPENING OF THE  
PLAY.**

1. “And one day, I hope, Eric, when you've a daughter of your own, you'll understand why.” *Proleptic irony*
2. “She'll make you happy, and I'm sure you'll make her happy.” *Proleptic irony*
3. “Germans don't want war.” *Dramatic irony*
4. “Nobody wants war, except some half civilized folks in the Balkans.”  
*Dramatic irony*
5. “There's too much at stake these days. Everything to lose and nothing to gain by war.” *Dramatic irony*
6. “And I say there isn't a chance of war.” *Dramatic irony*
7. “The world's developing so fast that it'll make war impossible.” *Dramatic irony*
8. “In a year or two we'll have aeroplanes that will be able to go anywhere.”  
*Dramatic irony*

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9. “The titanic – she sails next week-forty-six thousand eight hundred tons-  
New york in five days – and every luxury – and unsinkable, absolutely  
unsinkable.” *Dramatic irony*
10. “In twenty or thirty year's time – let's say, in 1940 – you may be giving a  
little party like this – your son or daughter might be getting engaged –  
and I tell you, by that time you'll be living in a world that'll have forgotten  
all these capital versus labour agitations and all these silly little war  
scares.” *Dramatic irony*
11. “There'll be peace and prosperity and rapid progress everywhere – except  
of course in Russia, which will always be behindhand naturally.” *Dramatic  
irony*

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