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De Næde Færge *(They Caught the Ferry). 1948.*

SCRIPT: Dreyer. Based on a short story by Johannes V. Jensen. PHOTOGRAPHY: Jørgen Roos. PRODUCTION: Dansk Kulturfilm for Ministeriernes Filmudvalg.

A cliché lesson about driver safety, but in a supernatural ambiance. There is no dialogue and the music is sparse, consisting mainly of ominous tympani. A ferry comes into port and a couple on a motorcycle race off in an attempt to catch another ferry. Houses flashing by, tires whizzing along the road, and a mounting speedometer are swiftly intercut. (There are more shots in this twelve-minute short than in all of *Gertrud*.) Finally the motorcyclists try to pass an old car zigzagging into their path; as it swerves them off the road, they glimpse the face of its driver: Death. A bell rings. The ferry prepares to leave. The camera pans to a drifting barge wreathed in smoke; in it rest two coffins.

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