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'DISTANT THUNDER'

Satyajit Ray goes back in time to a '40s famine in Bengal to show how a Brahmin (Soumitra Chatterji) and his wife (Babita) bear up under the strain. They bear up remarkably well until they are engulfed by history. There are marvelously affectionate glimpses of Indian Community life, and, occasionally a bit too much metaphorical montage. A passionate hymn to marital devotion.

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