

Summary of the three versions of *The Wicker Man*

(ver. 1.1)

(For more details, please see <http://www.steve-p.org/wm>)

Same = same as Long Version (Director's Cut)

– = not included

difference = differences highlighted in yellow (for convenience)

Long (aka Director's) cut (99 minutes)	Middle (aka Final) cut (aka <i>Moviedrome</i> version) (92 minutes)	Short (aka Theatrical) cut (87 minutes)
–	Animated Nuada (sun-god) graphic	–
–	1973 date caption	–
Tongue-in-cheek thanks caption	–	Tongue-in-cheek thanks caption
Howie's plane lands on mainland; McTaggart meets Howie and they notice graffiti on wall (with main-performers titles); they drive in police car	–	–
Howie and fiancée sing in church	Same	–
Howie gives bible reading, intercut with him taking communion	Same	Used later as flashbacks when Howie is in bed at the inn (see green segment, below)
Postman delivers letter to police station; Howie arrives, gets letter and decides to fly out to Summerisle	–	–
Howie flies to island (with main titles) and lands; interrogates fishermen on quay; meets with Mrs Morrison and Myrtle in post office; enters Green Man Inn	Same (but with slightly changed main titles and two extra audio over-dubs during quay scene)	Same (but with slightly changed main titles and two extra audio over-dubs during quay scene)
Locals sing <i>The Landlord's Daughter</i> (long version)	Locals sing <i>The Landlord's Daughter</i> (edited version)	Locals sing <i>The Landlord's Daughter</i> (edited version)
Howie addresses pub; Howie asks MacGregor about harvest-festival photos	Same	Same
MacGregor blows cigarette smoke at place of missing photo	–	–
Howie eats meal in pub and wonders why produce isn't fresh	Same (but with one line over-dubbed on audio)	Same (but with one line over-dubbed on audio)
Howie goes for walk and sees copulating couples and girl crying on grave	Howie goes for walk and sees copulating couples, islanders watering graves, and girl crying on grave	Howie goes for walk and sees copulating couples, islanders watering graves, and girl crying on grave
Howie returns to pub and gets key to room	Same	Same
Pub customers sing <i>Gently Johnny</i> ; Lord Summerisle presents Ash Buchanan to Willow for sexual initiation; Summerisle watches snails and recites Whitman poem; the next morning, Howie asks Willow for directions	Same	(The three portions in blue, below, moved to here (with added flashbacks to mainland church scenes as Howie lies in bed))
Schoolboys sing and dance around maypole; Howie questions schoolgirls and Miss Rose	Same	Same
Howie enters churchyard (longer shot)	Howie enters churchyard (shorter shot)	Howie enters churchyard (shorter shot)
Howie sees girl with baby and egg; Howie meets with gravedigger/gardener	Same	Same
Howie with rowan tree and naval string (extra shot)	–	–
Howie returns to post office; Myrtle has her throat cured with frog	Same	Same
Howie meets Doctor Ewan and is brushed off	–	–
Howie meets with librarian to see register of death; Howie meets with Lennox, the chemist; cart ride to Summerisle's castle; Howie sees pregnant girls in orchard and naked girls dance round fire; Howie meets Summerisle and is given history of island; Howie and gravedigger exhume Rowan's grave and find hare instead of body	Same	Same

Summerisle and Miss Rose sing <i>The Tinker Of Rye</i> (long version)	Summerisle and Miss Rose sing <i>The Tinker Of Rye</i> (edited version)	Summerisle and Miss Rose sing <i>The Tinker Of Rye</i> (edited version)
Howie bursts in and appeals to Summerisle and Miss Rose for help	Same	Same
Howie breaks into darkroom and develops photo (longer version of scene with two visual flashbacks to meeting with Summerisle)	Howie breaks into darkroom and develops photo (shorter version of scene with one audio flashback to meeting with Summerisle)	Howie breaks into darkroom and develops photo (shorter version of scene with one audio flashback to meeting with Summerisle)
Howie lays in bed in pub and thinks, "What if Rowan's not dead?"	Howie prays in his bedroom and gets into bed	This material moved forward to first night on island (Howie prays in his bedroom and gets into bed)
Next door, Willow sings <i>Heigh Ho</i> (long version) and dances naked	Next door, Willow sings <i>Heigh Ho</i> (edited version) and dances naked	This material (using the edited version of the song) moved forward to first night on island
–	The next morning, Willow wakes Howie with a cup of tea	This material moved forward to first night on island
Kids carry doll ("We carry death out of the village")	Same	Same
Howie studies pagan rituals in library (long version)	Howie studies pagan rituals in library (short version)	Howie studies pagan rituals in library (short version)
–	Establishing shot of Howie's plane	Establishing shot of Howie's plane
Harbour master rows Howie to plane; plane won't start; Howie chases hobby horse; Howie spies on preparations for festivities; Howie returns to post office for final appeal to Mrs Morrison; Howie searches (part one)	Same	Same
Howie searches hairdressing salon; Howie enters house and falls down stairs	–	–
Howie searches (part two); Howie searches baker's, fishmonger's, butcher's and funeral parlour; Howie returns to pub and has drink; Willow and MacGregor administer hand of glory to sleeping Howie; Howie knocks out MacGregor, steals Punch costume, and leaves MacGregor tied up; procession of islanders	Same	Same
MacGregor struggles with bonds (bloopers shot)	MacGregor struggles with bonds (alternative shot)	MacGregor struggles with bonds (alternative shot)
Islanders play <i>Oranges And Lemons</i> game at stones; islanders decamp to beach and offer ale to sea; Howie rescues Rowan and leads her through caves, exiting on the top of the cliffs	Same	Same
Shot of Summerisle, Miss Rose and Willow sitting on cliff top	Shot of Howie and Rowan on cliff top	Shot of Howie and Rowan on cliff top
Summerisle, Miss Rose and Willow explain conditions that Howie has fulfilled; Howie stripped and anointed; Howie appeals to islanders; Howie carried into wicker man; Summerisle gives order to start sacrifice	Same	Same
Howie delivers an extra quote from Bible	–	–
Fire is started and islanders sing <i>Summer Is A-Cumen In</i> ; Howie crouches in wicker man and prays; head of wicker man topples; final credits	Same	Same
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