The Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge

* This guy is preparing to be hanged
* They are on a Railroad Bridge, with water under foot.
* The soldiers aren’t speaking, and they are standing still.
* The guy being hanged is a plantation owner. (A civilian, not a member of the army.)
* The man had a happy expression on his face, which was weird because he was about to be hanged.
* His eyes weren’t bandaged (he could see).
* He has a wife and kids.
* He goes from happy to a little freaked out.
* The man begins to contemplate his escape. He thinks that if he can get untied, then he can jump to the stream and swim deep to escape the bullets.

Part II

* We learn that the guy who is getting hanged is Mr. Farquhar. (In a flashback).
* A soldier approaches Mr. Farquhar telling him that the Union soldiers are fixing a bridge so they can advance toward him.
* Farquhar decides that he wants to go join the cause and get them out. (Punishment for being caught messing with the railroad is hanging.)
* We learn the soldier was a Union soldier. (He was setting Farquhar up).

Part III

* He jumped, the noose hanged him for a second, then the rope broke.
* He suffocated for a little bit before tearing the rope from his throat and swimming to the surface.
* The soldiers were shooting at him.
* He gets shot in the collarbone.
* They even shoot a cannonball at him. They miss.
* He escaped through the woods on the southern side.
* He finally gets to his home, goes to hug his wife, then we realize that he is hallucinating