Characters—who’s who?

**Main characters**
- Kate & Julia (hosts, sisters)
- Mary Jane (their niece)
- Lily (maid)
- Gabriel & Gretta (married couple; Gabriel is Mary Jane’s cousin)
- Michael Furey (dead former lover)
- Molly Ivors (Irish nationalist, old friend of Gabriel, challenges Gabriel)

**Secondary characters**
- Mr. Browne
- Bartell D’Arcy
- Freddy Malins (drunk guest)

**Questions**
- What’s the point of the song (“The Lass of Aughrim”)
- How many references to death are there?
- What did the snow symbolize?
- What social and economic status do the characters have? (middle class)
- Who is the caretaker?
- What’s the meaning of the end? What over-arching theme is symbolized by that?
- What were they celebrating?
- Why does Gabriel write for the paper?

What is the significance of the altercation between Gabriel and Lily? I feel like they have a "past", especially since the author stated that they knew each other as kids.

Is there a significance to the name Gabriel and the story?

What is so offensive about being called a "west briton" is it just the cultural/political differences?
What is the connection of snow and the story?

If everyone treats him like they don’t like him or are highly opinionated, why does Gabriel come to the party?

Why is it called “The Dead”?

What is Lily’s relationship to everyone?

What is the relationship to the drunk man (Freddy Malins)?