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## Listening to Secretaries

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## *Listening to Secretaries*

All day he heard others  
excuse themselves, all

self-deceived. He heard  
his own voice, he

heard the noise of  
falling waterfalls, of

water falling into a  
glass, poured from a spout,

he heard their sadness,  
the lessening flow of a

shallow watercourse  
across dry farmland.

They and he were wrong.  
And the sky, the distant

hard dry arch of the  
sky, it too made

excuses for its failure,  
was wrong.

*Raeburn Miller*