

## Max Stalling

### "Mockingbird"

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Well, I should be in Crystal City, with HR drinking coffee  
Down at Bee's Golden Bull, absorbing what he offers  
me  
Clinging fast to every word, a scripture for life in  
immortals terms  
A shout able story, spoken in very soft tones.

That's alright now Momma, it's just the miles I swear  
Please don't stop your letters and your prayers  
That's alright now Momma, don't you cry for me,  
I'm that mockingbird who is singing in your tree

Well I remember the words that Toby said, when we  
visited the spot where they lay Joel to rest  
Out in the rocks and dirt of that brown cemetery,  
He said, I've dealt with droughts since my very first  
breath and I'll be damned if I'll do it in death  
When I die I wanna be buried where the grass is green

That's alright now Momma, it's just the miles I swear  
Please don't stop your letters and your prayers  
That's alright now Momma, don't you cry for me,  
I'm that mockingbird who is singing in your tree

God Bless me Mary Guadalupe, from your bath-tub  
shrine  
It's been so long since my last confession, I don't know  
if we've time  
Maybe if I drive by each day and shout five confessions  
as I pass each way  
In thirty years or so maybe we'll be catching up

That's alright now Momma, it's just the miles I swear  
I am living off of your letters and your prayers  
Don't you toss and turn while napping, your boy's out  
here trying to make it happen  
I just get a little worried sometimes over bigger things

That's alright now Momma, don't you weep for me,  
I'm that mockingbird who is singing in your tree

Well, I should be in Crystal City

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