

Tom's Diner

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1. Complete the gaps using Present Continuous.

I am sitting in the morning
at the diner on the corner
I ⁽¹⁾ _____ at the counter
for the man to pour the coffee
and he fills it only halfway
and before I even argue
he ⁽²⁾ _____ out the window
at somebody coming in.

"It is always nice to see you",
says the man behind the counter
to the woman who has come in.
She ⁽³⁾ _____ her umbrella
and I look the other way
as they ⁽⁴⁾ _____ their hellos
I'm pretending not to see them,
instead I pour the milk.

I open up the paper,
there's a story of an actor
who had died while he was drinking,
it was no one I had heard of
and I ⁽⁵⁾ _____ to the horoscope
And looking for the funnies
When I ⁽⁶⁾ _____ someone watching me
and so I raise my head.

There's a woman on the outside
looking inside, does she see me?
No she does not really see me
cause she sees her own reflection
and I ⁽⁷⁾ _____ not to notice
that she's hitching up her skirt
and while she ⁽⁸⁾ _____ her stockings,

On the board:

listen	think
kiss	straighten
sit	look
feel	shake
try	turn
wait	

Meanings:

- *Counter*: A long flat-topped fitment in a shop where food and drinks are served.
- *To pour*: Prepare and serve (a drink).
- *To argue*: To discuss.
- *As*: In the process of, while...
- *To hitch up*: remangarse, subirse, levantarse (clothes).
- *Through*: (in time) During.

2. Write all the words you don't know the meaning, look for it in a dictionary:

her hair has gotten wet.

Oh, this rain it will continue
through the morning as I ⁽⁹⁾ _____
to the bells of the cathedral.

I ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____ of your voice...

And of the midnight picnic
Once upon a time
Before the rain began...

I finish up my coffee
It's time to catch the train.